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LEGAL NOTICES

MRS. SARA HAMMONTREE, Complainant, vs LUTHER HAMMONTREE, Respondent.
In the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, in Equity.
TO LUTHER HAMMONTREE:

This is to notify you that Mrs. Sarah Hammontree has filed a bill of complaint in this court against you, and you are required to come in ,answer, plead or demur to same by December 20, 1948, or a decree pro confesso may be taken against you thirty days thereafter.

This the 16th day of November 1948.

Gladys Clark, Register
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MELVIN RIGDON, Complainant vs. LOUISE RIGDON, Respondent.
In the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, in Equity, Elba, Division.
TO LOUISE RIGDON:

This is to notify you that Melvin Rigdon has filed a bill of complaint in this court against you and you are required to come in, answer, plead or demur to same by December 20, 1948, or a decree pro confesso may be taken against you thirty days thereafter.

This the 16th day of November 1948.

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Two 50 chick capacity electric brooders. See Jack Windham.

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SHORT SHORT STORY

Fifty Grand A Year

By FREDERICK MEDLIN

THEY still wonder why Johnson went mad so suddenly after he got out of stir. That is, all but Leo, the fence.

Johnson remembered it all as he strode feverishly through the hot, breathless night.

3-Minute Fiction

The black curtain of darkness that pressed upon every side could not hide those things that had gone before. Even their memory increased his furious pace, and it was an effort not to cast a furtive glance over his shoulder as he drew near the spot on which the great oak should stand.

He remembered the night of ten years ago that he had stolen the Alsmeyer jewels. It had been a desperate thing to do, and he had half expected to be caught. His mind's-eye saw himself crawling up those precarious tracers of ivy on the high back wall of the Alsmeyer mansion. He recalled how cautiously he had opened the window with a glass-cutter and a file, how carefully he had placed the charge of explosive against the cleverly-concealed wall safe, how feverishly he had hurried through the acrid smoke to the battered door after the muffled explosion had shaken the room.

THEN down that sweep of ivy again to the ground and over the wall and along the hard road as the uproar behind him steadily grew . . . the car with the fingering searchlight darting down the road . . . his dogged flight across the field to the momentary haven of the huge oak . . . His fingers trembled convulsively again as they had when he had tumbled the jewels quickly into the leather bag and buried it safely, far back under the upcurled root. He heard again the deep-throated baying of the hounds, growing always closer, as he had heard it that night, hour after hour, twisting and dodging and hoping, knowing in his own heart that he would be caught, and fearing it with hysterical terror.

And that capture! The quick shots . . . the rapid whine of the bullets . . . the huge dogs dragging him down. . . .

But they had never found the jewels. He had hidden them well, and for that he had been grateful for ten years.

He came quite suddenly upon the clump of trees. They seemed in the thick darkness to be the same stand of ten years ago. He moved about quickly with the flashlight until he found the peculiar root that curved outward and looped upward slightly, just as it had so long ago. He dug back through the loose earth

He had half expected to be caught.

under it; his fingers tingled as they touched rotten leather, and there were the jewels spread out. They were dull—but they were the Alsmeyer jewels.

AN HOUR later they were shimmering on velvet in Leo's back room that he used for business of secrecy; and Johnson was trembling with excitement.

Johnson paced the floor. "Five hundred grand!" he gloated. "That's fifty grand a year in the big house, and still they say crime don't pay. Why, Leo, I know lots of big guys that don't make fifty grand a year. I'm up in the big money now and it feels wonderful."

"You know what these are worth?"

"Yeah. Sure I do. So do you." Perhaps he only wanted to bargain. Some of the dread died in Johnson's heart. "Ain't you the best fence in the East? That's why I came to you."

"You know that I'm honest?" Leo's query was very grave and very earnest.

"Sure. You always have been."

"The Alsmeyer jewels," said Leo slowly, almost sadly, "are just imitations. They might be worth five hundred dollars."

They still wonder why Johnson went mad so shortly after he got out of stir, that is, all but Leo, of course. Leo would know, for he is a very shrewd judge of human psychology—and jewels. It is said, by those who know, that Leo made almost half a million dollars out of the Alsmeyer jewels.

Released by WNU Features.

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Too Many Divorces

Four divorces and 13 separations in 14 years from her husband are enough for Mrs. Clyde C. Silfer, of Chicago. She told Judge Sabath "I'll never go back to him after the judge granted her fourth divorce from Silfer.

She told Judge Sabath that Silfer had "an ungovernable temper" The judge suggested they could have bought a home with the money they have wasted on divorce litigation.

CARD OF THANKS

To all who were so kind and thoughtful to us during the illness and death of our father, we take this method of expressing our appreciation. We were deeply moved by your kind and sympathetic words and your beautiful floral offerings and pray God's richest blessings upon you.

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About People and Things
By C. B. McDowell

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Mother Dies

C. B. McDowell received word Wednesday evening that his mother, Mrs. S. G. McDowell, died that afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Cail in Port Isabel, Texas, where she had made her home for the past 20 years. Mrs. McDowell was 90 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McDowell spent the Christmas holidays with her two years ago.

Born and reared in Missouri, she resided also in California, Georgia and Texas. She had not walked since she fell and broke her hip five years ago, but her health was good up until a few weeks preceeding her death.

Hog Prices Drop

Hog prices were slightly off at the Elba Livestock sale Monday, with top hogs selling for $19.50 compared with $20.55 the preceeding Monday. Feeders were in good demand and brought about a cent more than number ones. Hog prices were off all over the country and the Elba market still maintains its record of being one of the top markets in this section.

Christmas Lights

Elba's public square has taken on a real Christmassy appearance. The myriads of vari-colored lights on all four sides of the square have been installed with strings of lights extending from each corner of the square to the opposite corner. They add much to the appearance of the city.

Small Fire

An oil heater caught fire and exploded in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Perkins Saturday afternoon, but some workmen near by extinguished the flames before the fire department arrived on the scene. Only slight damage resulted.

Buildings Get New Fronts

Mrs. J. D. Brooks is building new block fronts to her two buildings west of the old Garrett Motor Co. place. The Chappell garage will continue to occupy the west room and Mrs. Brooks stated that the other room has not been rented. The new fronts add greatly to the appearance of the building.

Has Light Stroke

D. C. Marley, of Dothan was in Elba Monday and reported that Mrs. Marley suffered a slight stroke about two weeks ago, but is recovering nicely and hopes are entertained for her complete recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Marley resided in Elba for many years and were very active in church, social and civic affairs here.

Elba Stores To Be Closed Monday

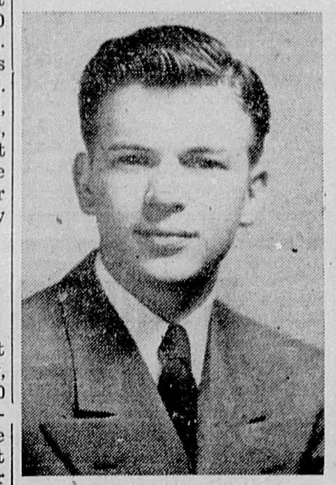
Most of the Elba stores will be be closed on Monday, December 27th in observance of Christmas. Patrons are urged to buy in advance to prevent inconvenience over the extra long week-end.

Pear Trees Have Second Crop

Baxter Bryan reports that a pear tree in his back yard came out in full bloom this fall and now it has a number of pears on it as large as pullet eggs. The unseasonably warm weather we have had so far this fall and winter is responsible for this freak of nature. Pear trees often bloom in the early winter, but it is quite unusual for them to have pears on them the size of Mr. Bryan's at Christmas time.

Farmers as well as others are being hampered by the unseasonable weather. They are afraid to butcher their hogs for meat, and syrup makers are getting behind schedule. Robert Free of Kinston says that one day last week he ground a batch of cane juice and let it stand overnight, intending to make syrup the next morning. He discovered that it had spoiled during the night and he had to throw it out

TO CONDUCT REVIVAL



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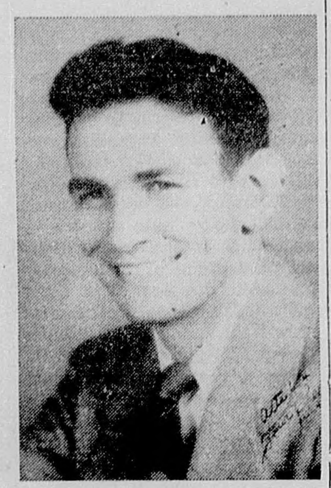

CHARLES CHRISTMAS

HENRY HULGAN

A youth team from Howard College is to conduct a Youth Revival in the Elba Baptist Church beginning Dec. 26th and going through January 2nd.

Floyd Roebuck, who is known favorably in this section because of his work with the Elba church last summer is a native of Tuscaloosa and a sophmore at Howard College. He is now pastor of the Mullberry Springs Baptist Church in the Lamar County association. Floyd will conduct conferences during the meeting.

Charles Merry Christmas, of Cottonwood, Ala., who has just graduated from Howard College on Dec. 16, will be the main speaker of the week. Charles is 21 years old, married, and a veteran of the Navy. At present he is pastor of the Rock Springs Baptist Church near Lafayette, Ala. Last year he was chosen by the student body as the most popular boy on Howard's campus.

Henry Hulgan, of Montgomery is nineteen, a sophmore, and at present pastor of the Hunter Station Baptist Church near Montgomery. He is to be in charge of the singing during the meeting.

American Legion To Have Christmas Barbecue Tuesday

Culver Post 42, the American Legion will give a Christmas barbecue to all members and prospective members at the Legion club house. on top of Reddock hill Tuesday night, December 21 at 7:00 o'clock. A good program is being planned and all are urged to attend.

Christmas Baskets Urgently Needed

The Welfare Department has 44 families with children on the Elba side of the county who will not have any Christmas this year unless some individual or organization fixes a basket for them. We will appreciate your calling us for the name of such a family. This is our last appeal for Christmas baskets.

Billy M. Jacobs To Be Buried In Mobile

The body of Pfc Billy Monroe Jacobs, son of J. D. Jacobs, Elba Rt. 3 has arrived in the states from France where he was killed in action. Funeral services will be held December 21st at 11:00 A. M. at the Mobile National Cemetery. All friends and relatives desiring to send flowers may do so by addressing them Care Superintendent, designated for Pfc Billy Monroe Jacobs, 376863, Mobile National Cemetery. They must arrive there by 10:30 December 21.

GRIST MILL RE-OPENS

W. K. Adkison, who had to take a rest of several months because of his health, has recovered and has re-opened the Morrow Gin Company's Grist Mill. He has had lifetime experience in the milling business and his well-known "Old fashioned motor power corn meal' 'is again available. Mr. Adkison invites his friends and customers to call on him.

Still operating in Huntsville today is what is believed to be the South's oldest continuing library. Founded in 1818, it has today approximately 30,000 volumes and an annual recorded circulation of almost 250,000 volumes.

Circle Arrows Win From Luverne Team 83 - 66; Play Friday

Schedule Game With Samson Team Here December 20th

Elba's Western Auto Circle Arrows, star-studded independent basketball quint, went to Luverne Tuesday night and defeated a good Luverne team by the huge score of 83 to 66. The game was a nip and tuck affair in which the Arrows were never more than one to three points ahead until the closing minutes of the game, when the Arrows got hot and won going away.

Most of the Elba players had not played much basketball for a long time and they have had very little practice. Tuesday night's performance was very gratifying to manager Foy English and other wellwishers of the team. As the season develops, the Arrows should be one of the strongest cage teams in this section.

The Luverne cagers will play a return game at the Elba gymnasium following the high school games Friday night. Everybody who enjoys high class basketball will do well to remain for this added feature of the school dedicatory program. The independent teams will play following the school games with no added cost of admission.

The Arrows have scheduled a game in the local gymnasium for Monday night, December 20th with the independent team from Samson. This game is to start at 8:00 P. M.

Manager English announces that he expects to bring a number of strong independent teams here this season. The new court is classed as one of the best and largest in South Alabama and should be the scene of many exciting games.

Madison County lead's Alabama's other 66 counties in the planting of winter cover crops.

Vandals Cost City Loss Of 250,000 Gallons Of Water

Wastage Not Located For Three Days

Elba's early risers Saturday and Sunday mornings found the water spigots dry, remaining without water until a new supply could be pumped into the reservoir up on the hill. An intensive search for the trouble failed to find any serious leakage until Monday morning, when it was discovered that some miscreant or miscreants had fastened the valves in the commodes in the new school gym in such a way as to cause the water to run full force from Friday night until time of discovery.

Manager Dick Dorman said the water meter showed that 333,000 gallons of water had run through the meter since the last time of reading, whereas the normal consumption should have been about 80,000 gallons. Just why anybody would want to perpetrate such an act has not been determined, nor is there any clue as to the identity of the guilty party.

Services Announced At Elba Methodist

9:45 A. M.—Church School with classes for all ages. Luther Vaughan, general supt.
11:00 A. M.— Morning Worship The pastor will bring a Christmas message on the subject, "What if Christ Had Not Been Born?"
6:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship
6:00 P. M.—Junior Youth Felship.
7:00 P. M.— Evening Worship. At the hour of Evening Worship a Christmas Cantata will be presented by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Cooper, choir director.

Observe Christmas Sunday in a way that will be pleasing to Christ. Go to church and worship Him in prayer and song.

We give you a cordial invitation to attend all the services of our church.

Fred L. Davis, Minister

Pvt. W. H. Tidwell Funeral Dec. 17th.

Funeral services for Pvt. William H. Tidwell who was killed in action in France on August 24, 1944, will be held at Piney Grove church December 17 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. The service will be conducted by Rev. O. M. Fox.

Pvt. Tidwell, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Tidwell, was born in Coffee County November 19, 1919.

Surviving are three brothers, Oscar M., Jimmie Franklin, and John Travis Tidwell; two sisters, Mrs. Vera Mae Crawley and Miss Annie Mae Tidwell.

Interment will be in the Piney Grove cemetery with full military honors, under auspices of the local National Guard, V.F.W. and American Legion. Bonneau-Jeter Funeral Home will have charge of arrangements.

Funeral Services For Gussie Bowdoin

Funeral services were held at Evergreen cemetery on December 10th for Gussie Bowdoin, son of Milliard Bowdoin, at the home. He was killed in action in France on September 27, 1944. Gussie was born in Coffee County on May 20, 1916.

Surviving besides his father, are three brothers, Otis, Charlie and Fred Bowdoin; and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Hattaway and Mrs. Myrtle Lee Parrish.

Funeral services were conducted by Minister W. T. Grider. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery with full military honors with members of the local National Guard serving as pallbearers. Hayes Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

Funeral For Sgt. James Meacham To Be Held Dec. 21st.

Funeral services for Sgt. James Meacham, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meacham, of Curtis community will be held Tuesday, December 21 at Curtis. Sgt. Meacham was killed in action in France in 1944.

Interment will be in the Curtis cemetery with full military honors. Members of the Elba National Guard and service organizations will serve as pallbearers. Hayes Funeral Home will have charge of arrangements.

Band Concert Here Tuesday Night

The Elba High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Almon Strain will present a concert in the Elba High school auditorium Tuesday night, December 21st at 7:30 P. M. Admission will be 25 and 50 cents. The public is urged to be present and see the fine progress made by the band in the past few months

Elba Post Office Boxes Looted Sunday Night

Checks And Mail Found Scattered; Loss Undetermined

When Elba postoffice employees entered the building Monday morning they found mail scattered over the floor of the lobby. It was discovered that at least six or eight lock boxes had been opened and contents scattered about. The looters had torn up several checks and thrown them into the waste basket. One was a check for $1,780 belonging to Garrett Motor Company. Using jigg-saw puzzle methods, Dud English was able to assemble the torn parts of the checks so they could be used.

A check for a large amount belonging to Attorney J. C Fleming was found intact, as were a number of smaller checks. A number of letters and other mail matter were scattered about. It is thought that the looters were looking for money and were not interested in checks. Postmaster W. L. English stated that it was impossible to tell how many boxes were opened or what mail was taken.

The postmaster said he reported the matter to the Postoffice Department and they promised to send an inspector to Elba to make an investgation at an early date.

Emergency Aid Moves To New Bldg

The Emergency Aid Insurance Company moved its office this week to the handsome new building at the northeast corner of the square. It is a very modernly equipped insurance plant. President Ross Clark stated that the company plans to have the formal opening soon after Christmas, notice of which will be given at a future date.

Mr. Strain Organizes Band At Wicksburg

Bandmaster Almon Strain has organized a school band at Wicksburg. He reports that the new band has 50 members and all are very much interested in their organization. The members bought their own instruments and paid cash for them, which is unusual in the organization of school bands. Mr. Strain will go to Wicksburg on Wednesdays and will continue to make his weekly visits to Abbeville on Fridays.

Mr. Strain has made an outstanding record as a band director and instructor. His bands in Elba and Abbeville have made remarkable progress. The pupils and patrons of the Wicksburg school are to be congratulated securing his services.

School Dedication Exercises At Elba Gym Friday Night

Santa Claus To Visit Elba Afternoon Of December 18th

To Arrive At 2:00 P. M. On Elba Fire Truck

The Elba Fire Department is sponsoring a Santa Clause program Saturday at 2:00 P. M. The fire truck will meet old Santa out in the country and bring him to town. The jolly old fellow will make the acquaintance of the children of the community and will hand out candy, toys etc. A similiar program was carried out last year and made a big hit with the kiddies.

For many years H. I. Boland played the part of Santa Claus and his visits to Elba were looked forward to with great anticipation by a host of children as well as older people. Mr. Boland also got a big kick out of it and left a void for the Fire Department to fill. Mr. Boland died about two years ago and the Fire Department has carried on well. They are to be commended for carying on the spirit which Mr. Boland performed so well during his lifetime.

All the children of the community are cordially invited to come to Elba Saturday afternoon and see Santa Claus.

Death Of Infant

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Simmons died December 10th after living only one day. Funeral services were held at Zoar Church Decemebr 11.

Surviving are five brothers, Harper, Johnnie, Dallis, Wallon, and Tullis Simmons; five sisters, Maxine, Mabel, Doris, Callon, and Julia Simmons.

Interment was in the Zoar cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Charles Kendrick Wins Honor

Charles Kendrick was honored last month when he was elected president of a 14-state organization of high school student councils. He will serve next year as president of the Southern Association of Student Government, as a result of his election at the group's annual convention in Mobile November 11-13.

The Association, made up of high schools of fourteen states, does not elect individuals as officers. Delegates vote for schools and the winning school names the officer from their student body. Previously Charles had been recommended for the office and had been given several letters of recommendation.

The defeated candidate was a student of Alamo High School in San Antonio, Texas.

Charles is a student of the Bay County High School at Panama City, Florida. He has many relatives in Elba and has made a host of friends here while on frequent visits.

Garrett Motor Co. Moves To New Plant

The Garrett Motor Co. moved this week to its handsome new modernly equipped building on Buford Street. Mr. Garrett states that the formal opening of the new plant will be held about the middle of January, the date to be announced in due time. The plant is one of the most complete motor vehicle establishments in this part of the state and Mr. Garrett says that the formal opening will be celebrated with appropriate ceremonies.

The old Garrett Motor Company plant on West Davis Street is leased for another two years, and no announcement on its future usage is available.

Three Basketball Games To Climax Dedication

The dedication of Elba's new school plant will begin at 6:45 P. M. Friday night, December 17 with several visiting dignitaries taking part on the program. The exercise will be held in the new gymnasium.

Among the out of town guest will be Governor Folson, Phillip Ham, Congressman George Andrews, Edd Reid, President Alabama League of Municipalities; Frank Rosa, Representative of May and Green Sporting Goods Co., Montgomery; Max Mosely, Sports editor, the Montgomery Advertiser; Ruben Herring, Sports editor the Dothan Eagle; Nat Faulk, Dothan Eagle reporter; Stuart X. Stephenson, President of the Southeastern League and former Advertiser sports editor; Dr. A. R. Meadows, State Supt. of Education; Cliff Harper, Secretary Alabama Athlectic Association; Dr. C. B. Smith, President of Troy State Teachers College; and the mayors of Enterprise, New Brockton, Kinston, Opp and Troy.

Speakers on the program will include Gov. Folsom, Dr. Meadows, Stuart Stephenson, A. C. Dunaway, and Cliff Harper. Ned Young will represent the Coffee County Junior High schools and R. L. Bates will represent the Senior High schools.

The basketball feature, scheduled to get underway at 7:30 will feature all four of the Coffee County teams. Kinston will play new Brockton and Elba will face the Enterprise quintet. After these games the Elba Circle Arrows will play an independent team from Luverne.

The seating capacity of the gym (about 1,000) has already been sold out and tickets sold at the door will be for standing room only. Holders of tickets are urged to come early and claim your seat to avoid confusion.

Tigers To Have Strong Basketball Aggregation

Workouts Indicate Winning Team Again This Year

The Elba High School basketball team has had several good workouts with the Western Auto Circle Arrows, Elba's star-studded independent quint, and the Tigers have given the Arrows plenty of competition. Coach Jim Reynolds and his assistant, J. B. Clements, are well pleased with the showing of the team so far. The players are taking basketball seriously and are determined to have a winning team.

With such a fine court on which to play, the Tigers have a strong incentive to put forth their best efforts. Interest in the game of basketball is at a high pitch in Elba and the huge new gumnasium which will seat approximately 1,00 people is expected to be filled to capacity from time to time during the coming season.

Ask Permission To Cut Christmas Tree

Everyone should be familiar with the state timber laws, says Jack Conway, forest ranger. At this time of the year many people go out into the country looking for holly and miseltoe and gather it with no regard for the property owner. This is a violation of the tresspass laws and in most cases is unnecessary. Most farmers will be glad to allow people to get Christmas decoration from their land if they go about it in the proper manner. Cutting trees indiscriminately on another persons property is illegal and is harmful to the property owner. Ask his permission and let him show you where to cut the trees.

Social Activities

Mrs. Will Kendrick, Social Editor
Phone 28

JUNIOR PIANO CLUB ORGANIZED HERE

A Junior Piano club was organized at the home of Rosa Deal on Wednesday, Dec. 8th.

Officers were elected as follows: Rosa Deal, President; Louie Gwyn Dismuks, Vice-President; Marilou Lee, Secretary; Mary Jo Bryan, Treasurer.

The program for the initial meeting was made up of piano numbers by Tulah Dismuke, Carolyn Deal, Mary June Maddox, Linda Smith, Louie Gwyn Dismuke, Patsy McCollough, Linda Lee and Marilou Lee. The group sang Christmas carols, directed by Mrs. Sammie Rowe.

The club membership includes those already mentioned and Cornelia Ellis, Betty Jo Prescott, Lela Ann Sawyer, Sammie Brown, Kathy Davis, Brunice Ellis, Elaine Vaughan, Sue Morrow and Judy Larkins.

PRE-CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. Kimmey Dorsey and Mr. Mrs. Claud Dorsey were hosts at a delightful pre-Christmas party Thursday evening at the L & E Club in Enterprise.

The club in its gay holiday decoration made a beautiful setting for this lovely affair.

About sixty couples were recipients of this hospitality.

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Mr. Boyd Murphree of Jackson, Miss., visited his wife and daughters during the week-end.

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Judson Mays, of the U. S. Navy arrived Saturday to spend a 30-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Mary Alice Mays. Judson has recently completed a course for Aviation Electrician Mate at Memphis, Tenn. Following his leave he will be stationed at Pensacola, Florida.

MISS COLLIER HONORED BY W. Y. A.

Miss Willodean Collier, popular bride-elect, was honored on Monday evening, December 6th, when the YWA of the Elba Baptist Church gave a "White Bible" service at the church.

Southern Smilax and white cut flowers were used in decoration. Branched candlebra holding white tapers furnished illumination.

The YWA hymn, O Zion Haste, was the opening number on the program. Miss Juanita Fuller, YWA president, made an impressive talk, using as her subject, "The Home".

Mrs B. A. Franklin talked on "The YWA Colors".

Mrs. Sam Sawyer, WMU president, presented a beautiful white Bible to the honoree.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wallace and children of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wallace of New Brockton were guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Hayes Sunday.

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Mr. J. W. Moody returned to Mobile Monday after spending Saturday and Sunday with his family in Elba.

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John Kimmey came home from the University to spend the week-end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Kimmey.

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Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, Frazier and Ben, went to Montgomery Saturday to meet Marshall Jr., who has returned from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., to spend Christmas holidays with his parents.

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Mrs. Wayland Crocker has returned to Elba after a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kimmey Godwin in Hanes City, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Clark, Mrs. L. A. Boyd, III, Miss Lillie Morrow, and Miss Joan Clark spent Wednesday in Montgomery.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Joan Hudson, Mrs. Edgar Vaughan and Elaine Vaughan visited in Dothan Saturday.

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Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Bryan and son Bobbie, of Birmingham were week-end guests of Dr. Bryan's parents. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bryan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bullard of Curtis community were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bullard last Saturday.

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Judge J. O. English, Messrs. Fulton Clark, Fountain Lee and J. W. Kendrick attended Commissioner's court at Enterprise Monday.

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 9: 2-7

The Best News

Lesson for December 19, 1948

WHAT kind of news is good? Christians always have called the heart of their religion "Good News," for that is what "Gospel" means. We do not call it "Good Resolutions" or "Good Ideas" or even "Good Ideals." Just Good News. But what is good about it? It is a fair question to ask at Christmas time, for the story that Christmas brings is the beginning of the Gospel.

Dr. Foreman

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News of Peace

ONE of the best kinds of news there is is to learn that someone we thought was an enemy, is actually a friend. The end of misunderstanding, of estrangement—what a rush of warmth to the heart it brings!

That is the news of the first Christmas—that God is our friend. Christ did not come to assure men that there is a God. That was well known, indeed few doubted it. He did not even come to announce that there is but one God, for that was already known to the wiser sort of men. Neither did his coming unveil the God of justice. The Greeks and Romans, as well as the Jews, knew such a God only too well.

No wonder a Roman poet, looking about on the religions of his time, concluded that fear is the great god-maker. His notion was a mistake; but it was a natural one. For all the religions of the ancient world, even the religion of the Jew, were attempts to ward off the anger of offended gods.

The coming of Christ was to put an end to all that. This was more than a friendly gesture, it was an act of love. Those who have discovered God in Christ have found that God is not only our Maker but our heavenly Father and Friend. There is no better news!

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News of a Gift

IT IS good news also when we hear of a legacy or gift of some sort, especially when it is something we could not have expected. And the story of Christmas is the news about God personally entering the life of man. It is God giving us himself. True, the world is full of the gifts of God.

In the Child of Bethlehem, in the Man he was to become, in the work he was to do, there was a new thing—the self-giving of God. That is one reason why Christmas means infinitely more to a Christian than to any one else.

For the non-Christian, the story of Christmas, for all its charm, is only another story of a child born to poverty, doomed to pain—another chapter in the long agony of man. For the Christian, the story of Christmas is the Good News of how God gives himself, for our sake.

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News of Rescue

MANY Americans, caught in the war, starving behind electric fences for years on end, caught their first news of victory from seeing American planes roaring high overhead. No words were needed. It was news, good news, the news of rescue, of freedom.

So it is with man. Caught in the long war between good and evil, a prisoner in the enemy's country, behind the high fences of frustration, plodding heavily through the freezing mire of barren sins, man despairs of strength or freedom.

To all mankind, to each one who will listen, the Christmas story is good news of rescue. A Child is born, but more . . . "a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

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From a Far Country

IT IS good news when from a far country, until now dark and unknown, we learn that it is a land of friends who send us welcome across the miles. So the meaning of Christmas is good news from a far land, the land beyond what we call death. "Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (II Tim. 1:10).

As on the first Christmas, so ever since, the Gospel of God is not alone the good news of a God who loves and forgives and who brings us the victory, it is the news of God who stands at the end of our dark journey to welcome his children home.

Good news! The world has none to equal the news of Christmas.

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YOUR Health

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THE WORD "CANCER"

The word "cancer" needs to be more clearly defined. Certain types of cancer in certain organs of the body cannot be cured as yet. And because of this the word cancer has come to carry a dreadful meaning. This, however is not always true. For example, positive cures can be gotten in 95 per cent of the cases of the basal cell type of skin cancer.

Cancer is a general term which takes in a group of varied and many-sided diseases. The dictionary tells us that a cancer is a growth of tissue which tends or threatens to produce death. It is often a superficial sore that discarges pus and tends to spread and it is associated with ill health and a progressive loss of weight.

Men of medicine and science have for many years been working on cures for cancers of all types. Success has been found in some instances and failures in others. There are some characteristics that are found in practically all cancers. This is an uncontrolled growth of cells and a disorganization of tissue structure. Cells do not behave in a normal manner and diseased cells appear very often in areas not near the one known to be diseased. These diseased cells destroy healthy ones, and the diseased ones do not disappear of their own accord. Also the starting or cause cannot be shown to be the same for all types of cancer.

It is also pointed out that we cannot accept as truth the idea that a cancer will affect two people in the same manner. In fact one affected organ may not be acted upon the same as some other organ. Therefore, each patient must be studied an dtreated like a particular problem, and the doctor cannot make his decisions entirely upon what happened to someone else.

The aims of this article is not to belittle the danger of cancer. However, for the peace of mind of some people we should be more specific when speaking of cancer. A basic cell type of skin cancer would not cause the panic that some other types might when it is realized that cure is so nearly positive. Let's be specific and try to reduce some of the unnecessary panic caused by the word cancer.

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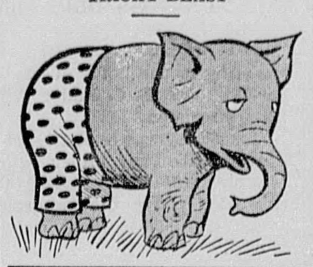
TRICKY BEAST



A hunter was showing off his collection of trophies to a group of visitors. He was rapturously explaining how he had acquired the various exhibits.

"See that elephant?" he said "I shot it in my pajamas."

"My goodness," murmured the surprised young lady, "how did it get there?"

Injustice

An old colored man was complaining about the railroad refusing to pay for his mule which had been killed by a train.

"Dey won't pay for mah mule. Dey won't even gimme back mah rope."

"What rope?" he was asked.

"Why, sah," he replied, "de rope ah done used to tie de mule on de track."

PERFECTIONIST

Dodson had never played golf before, but he had real beginner's luck when he drove off. The ball flew straight to the green, trickled across it, then dropped into the cup. At his very first attempt the novice had realized the ambition of every golfer; but he did not seem unduly excited.

By a miracle, Dodson's next drive was almost as good. Again the ball landed on the green, but this time it stopped a few inches from the cup.

He turned apologetically to his partner.

"How silly of me!" he exclaimed. "I've missed it!"

TWO PEARLS!

"You're looking bad, old man. What's the trouble?"

"Domestic."

"But you always said your wife was a pearl."

"So she is. It's the mother-of-pearl that's the trouble."

He Wants Silence

Grandma was tucking her four-year-old grandson into bed. "All right, my dear," she whispered softly. "Are you ready for your bedtime story?"

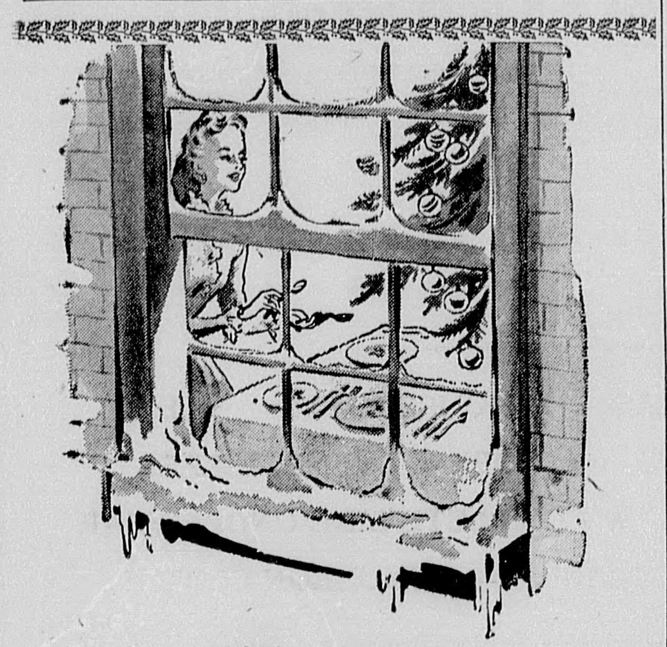
The child began to fidget, "Grandma," he murmured, "I'm really not in the mood tonight."

"Then," grandma offered, "shall I sing you a lullaby?"

"Nope," said the four-year-old. "No lullaby."

Grandma was perplexed. "Then what can I do for you, my child?" she asked anxiously.

"Well," offered Junior, "suppose you just take a long walk and lemme get some sleep!"



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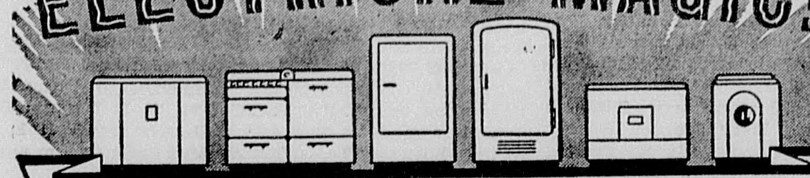

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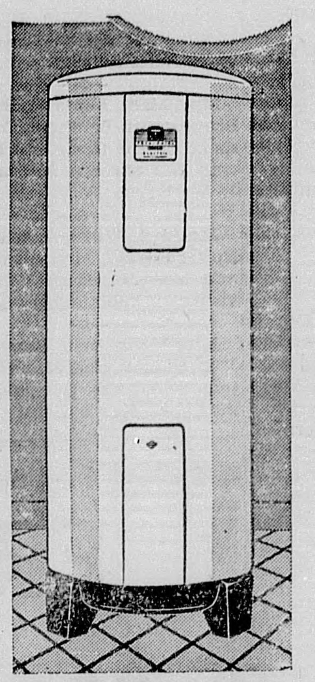

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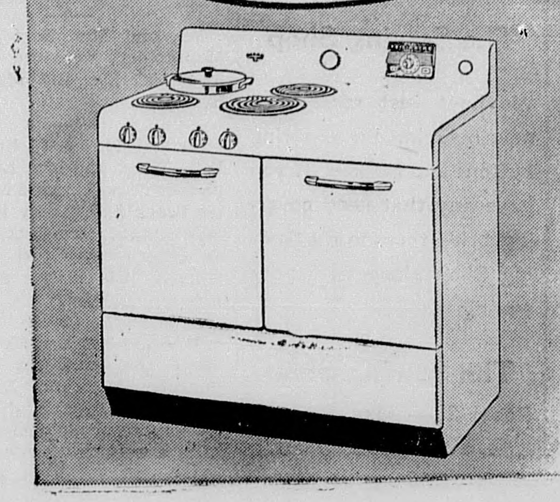

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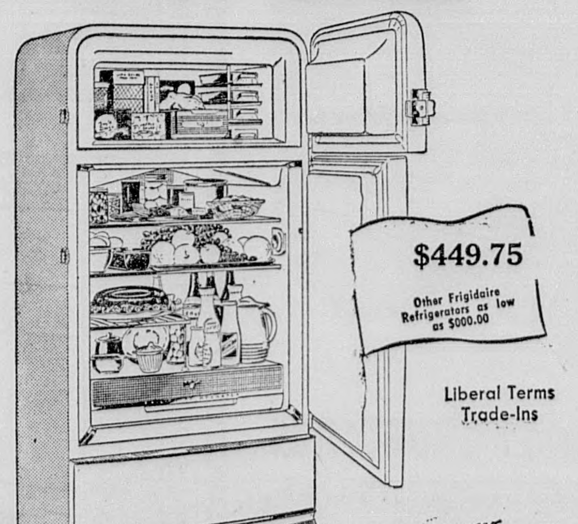

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New Brockton News

Mrs. George Hogg, Correspondent

JUNIOR CLASS PRESENTS SCHOOL PLAY

The Junior class of the New Brockton High School presented their annual play, "The Red Headed Stepchild" at the high school auditorium on December 9th, 1948.

The cast of characters was as follows: Mrs. Edith Russell, Richard's second wife, Margaret Davenport; Mrs. Oliver Woodruff, society matron, Willie Jean Ramsey; Mrs. Emory Scott, Society matron, Viola Whittington; Briggs, the Russells butler, Jimmy Gunter; Lucia Russell, Druette Killinsworth; Dudley Russell, Wendell Rodgers; Richard Russell, Joseph Harris; Elizabeth Russell, Mary Frances Wilson; George Garrison, Jimmy Fussell; Ethel Ashley, Doris Adkison; Lucilee Christy, Ann Armour; Flora Farnum, Betty Sue Bedsole.

The play was directed by Miss Peggy Blue and was well received by the audience.

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Miss Irene Dunnavant was a recent visitor in Mobile.

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Mrs. Colley E. Pittman, Mrs. Lee Brown, Mrs. Douglas Brown and Wadonna Pittman were visitors in Montgomery last Wednesday.

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Mrs. L. F. Jones spent the week-end in LaGrange, Ga., as guest of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Boyette.

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STEPHENS CIRCLE

The Stephens Circle of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Guy Gunter.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs Claude Sawyer. During the brief business session plans were made for cakes to be baked and sent to the Children's Home in Troy on Christmas.

Mrs. J. A. Harris led the devotional for the afternoon.

Mrs. J. K. Hayes taught the mission study, completing the book, "Light of the World".

Camellias were used for decoration in the reception rooms.

Following the program delicious cake and coffee were served by the hostess. The following members were present: Mrs. S. T Jones, Mrs. Claude Sawyer, Mrs. J. K. Hayes, Mrs. Ralph Bruce, Mrs. Belle Parker, Mrs. J. A. Harris and Mrs. L. F. Jones.

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Mrs. Claude Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. John I. Jones and Mrs. Richard L. Hayes were visitors in Dothan Wednesday.

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Miss Sara McDowell and Mr. Lex Nichols spent Thursday in Montgomery.

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Mr. Bill Roberts, of Bainbridge Ga., spent the week-end here with relatives.

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Miss Doris Moore of Dothan spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Moore.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bart Brock of Montgomery were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brock.

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Mr .and Mrs. J. W. Brock, Mrs. Lena Brock and Mrs. Lewey Stephens visited Mr. and Mrs Charles Brock and family in Greenville Sunday. Mrs. Brock and her daughter have just returned from a visit to her mother in Bristol, England.

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Mr. Sam Brock of Montgomery spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brock. Mrs. Brock and little son, Sammy, returned home with him after a weeks visit with relatives.

McKINNON CIRCLE MEETS

The McKinnon Circle of the WMS of the Baptist church held its regular meeting Monday, Dec 6th at the home of Mrs. John I. Jones.

In the absence of the circle chairman, Mrs. Colley Pittman, Mrs. John I. Jones presided over the business session. Plans were made to bake cakes and send to the Children's Home in Troy for Christmas.

Mrs. E. C. Fuller had charge of the program for the afternoon and the main feature was "Jaskie's Christmas", presented by Mrs. Wade H. Sawyer.

Lovely Christmas decorations were used throughout the reception rooms. Following the program a delicious Christmas party plate and coffee were served by the hostess.

Attending the meeting were Mesdames: Oscar T. Ward, E. C. Fuller, J. H. Dykes, Wade Sawyer, W. D. Boyette, T. W. Brock, Carolyn Hardy, B. E. Harris and Miss Susie Folsom and Mrs. Pinkkard.

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SOROSIS CLUB MEETS DONKEY BASEBALL GAME HERE DECEMBER 18

On December 18th, the P. T. A. is sponsoring a donkey basketball game in the high school gymnasium. Admission will be 35 and 50 cents and the participants will be men of the town and surrounding communities. The proceeds from the game will be used by the P. T. A. for school improvements.

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MOZART MUSIC CLUB

On Monday afternoon, Dec. 6, Misses Nelda Byrd, Charlene Baker and Carolyn Strickland were hostesses to the Mozart Music club in the school music room.

The study for the afternoon was Tcaikowsky and some of his works. The club enjoyed recordings of his famous "Nutcracker Suite" which was written especially for children. Plans were made for a Christmas party.

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Mr. W. C. Cordle has returned hame after a visit with his children in Birmingham, Clanton and Montgomery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Luther Peters of Ozark visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bedsole and family last week.

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Mr. Lee Brown and Mrs. M. O. Fuller visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brown and infant daughter in Dothan Tuesday.

BAPTIST QUARTERLY SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING HELD HERE THURSDAY

The quarterly meeting of the Coffee County Association Baptist Sunday school was held at the church on Thursday, Dec. 9.

The theme for the evening was "Spare Not, Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Brewer of the Calvary Church. "I am Thine" and "Make me a Channel of Blessing" were used as opening hymns.

The Sunday School goals for 1949 were presented by Mrs. Julian Hayes. Rev. A. L. Strozier, associational missionary talked on "The Purposes of Group Conferences."

The churches represented included Calvary, Enterprise First, Park Avenue, Enterprise, Kinston, Mt. Olive, New Hope, New Home and New Brockton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown spent Sunday in Hartford as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Shepherd and family.

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Mrs. James Wise and sons, Jimmy and Herby, visited Mrs. W. C. Jones Sunday.

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Miss Mary Florence Brock, of Birmingham Southern Collegs is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brock.

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Mrs. J. A. Wilks, Al Wilks, Mrs. Howard Wise, Mrs. Gene Wilks and Mrs. Jim Bean Wilks were visitors in Montgomery Saturday

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Miss Mollie Belle Sawyer, Mrs. J. T. Sawyer, and Mrs. Fred Tatom visited Mrs. Durwood Tatom in Banks Sunday.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS MEET

The New Brockton chapter of Royal Ambassadors held their meeting in the home of the counesllor, Mrs. E. C. Fuller Thursday afternoon.

Joe Bailey was in charge of the devotional. Mrs. Fuller gave a chapter from "Whirligigs in China". Following the program a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

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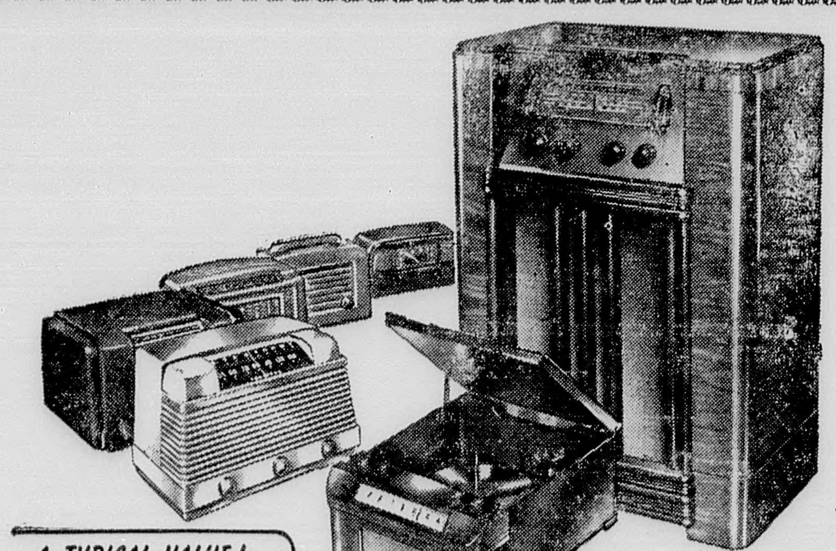

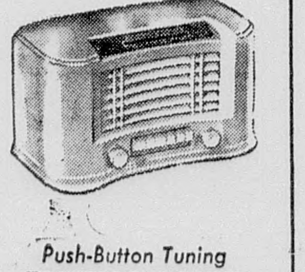

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Employers Urged To Hire Before Xmas

Employers in the Coffee County area who plan to add to their payrolls early next year are urged by William L. Walker, manager of the local Employment office, to make their selections now and notify those to be hired before Christmas.

"It will be a much happier Christmas to a family to know that the bread-winner has a job even though he doesn't actually report for work until after New Year" Mr. Walker pointed out.

Many employers who plan to add to their payrolls often wait until after the holiday season to accept applications, Mr. Walker pointed out. He said that in such cases it would not take much time to interview prospects and give notices to those who had been selected.

There is not a serious problem of unemployment in this area. However, 614 people are registered with the Employment Security office and are seeking jobs.

Those who are available for jobs include many with unusual qualifications, Mr. Walker said. The jobs in which they have had experience include: Farm Bureau Agent, Industrial Engineer, Teacher Grammar school, Medical Technician; Manager Retail food; Salesperson, furniture; Machinist; Sales Clerk; Bookkeeper II; Bookkeeping Machine Operator; Typist; Stenographer; Time Keeper; Receiving Clerk; Meat Cutter; Census Taker, Personal Service; Nurse-maid; Waitress; Soda Dispenser; WatchmanI; Janitor; Porter; Tractor Operator; Circular head saw operator; Welder-Arc; Plumber; Auto Service Station Attendant; Auto Mechanic, Painter; Fireman, low pressure boiler; Fireman, stationary boiler; Saw Filer; Lumber Handler; Trimmer Tailer; Lumber Stacker; Routeman Helper; Stack sewer, hand; Bottle Washer.

Employers can arrange to interview any of the applicants for jobs by calling the Employment Security office, telephone no. 443 and 441.

The State Industrial Relations Department, of which S. Fleetwood Carnley is director, is urging employers throughout the state to "Hire Before Christmas"

WAR SURPLUS

Shoes and Boots

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Angels Have Wings

A LITTLE GIRL was put into an upper berth in a Pullman for the first time. She kept whimpering until her mother told her not to be afraid because the angels would watch over her.

"Mother, are you there?" she cried plaintively.

"Yes, dear."

And a few minutes later: "Daddy, are you there?"

"Yeah!"

A fellow passenger lost all patience at that point and bellowed: "We're all here! Your mother and daddy and brothers and sisters and aunts and uncles and cousins! All here! Now go to sleep!"

There was a pause, then very softly: "Mother?"

"Well?"

"Was that one of the angels?"

FICKLE MINDS

Johnny hurried to get the evening paper. Tomorrow was picnic day, and he wanted to read the weather forecast.

"Well, dear, what do they predict?" his mother asked.

"They haven't decided yet," the youngster replied gloomily.

"Haven't decided?"

"No. It says 'Unsettled.'"

In a Bad Way

Old Mrs. Miggles managed to get along in the world despite her educational deficiencies. One day she was called upon by a lawyer to sign an important document.

"You sign it yourself, sir, an' I'll make me mark," said Mrs. Miggles. "Since me eyes gave out I'm not able to write a wurrd."

"How do you spell it?" asked the lawyer, his pen poised above the document.

"Spell it whativer way ye plaze," said Mrs. Miggles. "Since I lost me teeth there's not a wurrd I can spell."

He Expects Too Much

"Say, sonny, that dog of yours bit me on the ankle."

"Well, shucks, that's as high as he can reach. You wouldn't expect a little pup like that to bite you on the neck, would you?"

Time To Give Homes The Christmas Look

"At Christmas time we all want our homes to look pretty and cheerful," says Alice Peavy, API extension home management specialist.

She reminds us that the smell of evergreens mixed with the wonderful odors from the kitchen help to make Christmas. No season of the year offers a greater opportunity to decorate the home beautifully with native plants. Some of these are pine, cedar, miseltoe, youpon, and holly.

The best thing to do is to plan how you want your decorations to look and then work towards that goal. Think of the size and style of your home and furniture They must all be in keeping with each other. Large homes and furnishings require large heavy arrangements and a small tree.

Another thing to remember is the table decoration. A cone of chicken wire may be packed with moss and built into a Christmas tree for a table by inserting the stems from evergreen and branches of red berries.

If you have a low basket, try filling it with evergreens and using a big bow for color. Make the streamers long enough to fall on the table leading the eye to other parts of the arrangement. Use red candles to add color and cast a soft light on the decorations in the room.

TORCH BEARER

Curious Civilian—Is it true that wild beasts in the jungle won't harm you if you carry a torch?

Pacific Veteran—That all depends on how fast you carry it.

Brotherly Love

"So you and your neighbor are not on speaking terms?"

"No. He sent me a can of oil to use on my lawnmower when I started to cut the grass at 6 in the morning."

"And what did you do?"

"Sent it back and told him to use it on his wife when she started singing at 11 p. m."

Handy Sample

A shy young fellow was trying to choose some lipstick for his girl. He was completely at a loss as to the shade. Suddenly his face lighted; he slipped out a handkerchief and pointed to a crimson smear. . . . "There," he exclaimed happily, "that's the shade."

Financial Genius

Georgie—If I could get someone to invest a hundred bucks in a scheme I have I could make a lot of money.

George — How much could you make?

Georgie—A hundred bucks.

Mitchell Requests Alabama Speed Law

J. D. Mitchell, Director of the Department of Public Safety, said this week that he intends to ask the legislature next term to enact a speed law in Alabama.

At present the only regulation covering automobiles on the highways, is one which says they must travel at a "reasonable rate of speed". However there is a 40-mile per hour speed limit for trucks.

Mitchell said that he thought "fifty-five miles an hour would be a fair speed limit", and he pointed out that our neighboring state of Georgia has a 55 mile limit.

The safety director said he also planned to ask for a law requiring drivers to dim their head lights when approaching another vehicle at night.

"If we can get those laws passed and properly enforced," he said, "they will go a long way in reducing deaths and accidents on our highways."

Huntsville Arsenal, operated by the Chemical Warfare service is the largest chemical warfare dump in the entire world.

Madison County can lay claim to two living winners of the coveted Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II. They are Lt. Cecil H. Bolton and S-Sgt. Paul Bolden.

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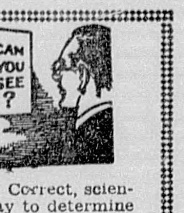

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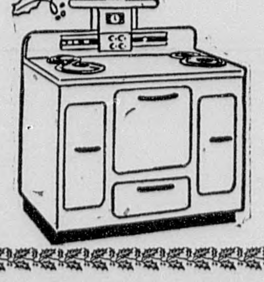

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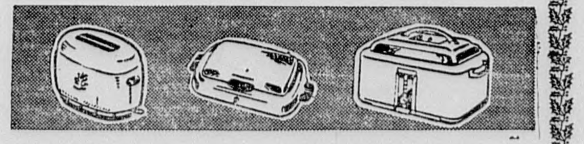

Alabama Pecans Go To Governors

Several bushels of Alabama pecans were given the spotlight this week, when Gov. James E. Folsom presented choice bags of them to the Governors of Dixie as they gathered in Savannah for the Southern Governors conference.

In presenting the gifts, Gov. Folsom told the Governors that, "Pecan growing is becoming one of the major industries of Alabama." The pecans were grown on the Kilby Prison Reservation.

The 'More Trees For Alabama' committee of Coffee County has asked the state nursery for immediate delivery of 200,000 pine seedlings. Half of these seedlings or 100,000 will be placed West of Pea River and the other half on the East side of the river. Farmers who want some of these pine trees should contact Baxter Bryan in Elba or H. D. James in Enterprise. Planting information may be obtained from Jack Conway, forest ranger, or Soil Conservation workers.

The Wiregrass Soil Conservation District Supervisors have some kudzu seedlings for use by District cooperators. Coffee County's share was 17,500 plants, and placement of these plants has already begun. George Johnson and Johnnie McCall, of Brookland community, and T. P. Kelley, J. A. Harris, and Robert Finch, of New Brockton have already secured some of these plants. Orders for plants have been placed by L. A. Boyd, III, Bruce Penuel, S. T. Jones, and D. H. James for early delivery. A few of these fine plants are still available on a first come first served basis.

Now that it looks like the rain has let up, let's get some of our land terraced before spring. Soil conservation service workers will run lines on District Cooperators farms. They will show the best method of building terraces with whatever equipment the farmer has available.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Veal and children recently visited relatives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

EGGS MAY BE WASHED

In the past, farmers have been advised never to wash eggs. But with new developments of the last few years it is now possible to wash eggs easily without the loss of egg quality. The process is based on the use of detergents commonly called "soapless soap" and hot water.

PERMANENT PASTURE IN 1949

It's not too early to begin preparing land that will be planted to a permanent pasture mixture February or March.

To make satisfactory, yet inexpensive candy candleholders, push tiny candles into large gum drops then put these on frosting of the cake.

To delight children and make a bath more appealing to them add a few drops of vegetable coloring to the bubble suds.

The great coal fields in the central portion of the state cover approximately 3,000 square miles.

Almost eight million people reside in the various counties of several states within a 200 mile radius of Huntsville.

Add a small piece of butter to the saucepan in which macaroni spagetti or rice is being cooked to keep it from boiling over.

Santa Comes Early To Draft Registrants

Santa Claus came early for 557 Alabama Draft Board registrants when all induction and pre-induction calls from December 15 through December 27, 1948 were postponed anywhere from from nine adys to several weeks. Of the men affected, 253 had received their order to report for induction and 304 their order to report for pre-induction.

The purpose of the postponements, according to State Director. W. L. Horn, is to enable the selectees and their families to have an uninterupted Christmas holiday season.

All of those whose induction call was postponed were originally scheduled to report on December 15 and 16.

Huntsville is Alabama's fourth largest market in terms of retail sales, wholesale distribution and population. It ranks next to Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery in size.

TAKING NO CHANCES

"My dear," said the borrowing neighbor, "when I returned Mr. Jackson's lawn mower with that broken blade he swore at me."

His wife sniffed.

"We don't want that sort of thing to happen again," she replied. "You'd better borrow the preacher's the next time."

Meddling Preacher

The old lady was punctuating the preacher's sermon with occasional but fervent "Amens," as the minister blasted every sin from murder to cheating at cards. Then he moved on to the subject of snuff-sniffing. Here the woman flared up, nudged her neighbor, and exclaimed indignantly:

"Uh-oh! There now! He's done quit preachin' and gone to meddlin'!"

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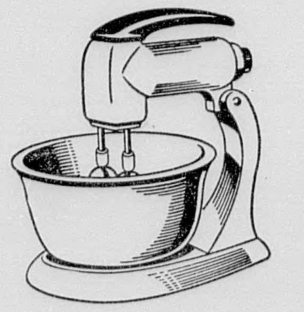

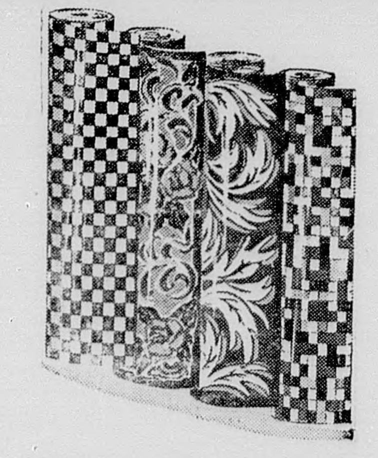

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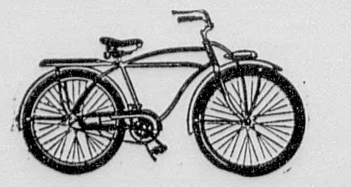

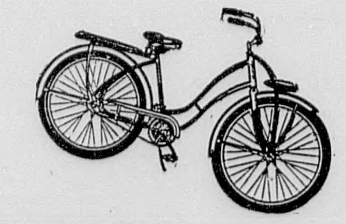

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Pictured above are the Who's Who selections from Alabama College. Seated, left to right are: Price Pendergast, of Ft. Payne, president of the student government; Howard Neil Smith, Maplesville, chief justice of student court; Margaret Findlay, Birmingham, president senior women's honorary; Georgia Shackleford, Hogansville, Ga., president of journalism honorary; Dora Jean Rattray, Gadsden, president of secretarial science honorary. Standing left to right are: Barbara Andrews, Decatur, pesident Y. W. C. A.; Joyce Savage, Birmingham, editor Alabamian, college newspaper; Nina English, Elba, editor of Montage, college yearbook; Jo Holliday, Childersburg, president German honorary; Annette Barnes, Samson, president religious council; Audrey Golightly, Anniston, president student senate; and Frances Kelly of Selma, president of national mathematics honorary, not included in picture.

Corn-Kudzu Rotation Increases Corn Yield

During the past several years many Alabama farmers have tried a corn-kudzu rotation on eroded land.

S. R. Doughty, API extension soil conservationist, Auburn, says that they report good results. In all known cases the kudzu was allowed to become well established and make a good growth for four or more years before it was turned and followed by corn.

Records show that in one badly eroded field, kudzu was grown for a few years and then every fourth terrace was planted to corn. The yield from these strips equalled the crop from the entire field before it was planted to kudzu.

Also, kudzu furnishes hay and grazing. Cultivating the corn does not destroy all the kudzu crowns. The crowns will grow and cover the ground until planted to corn again four or more years later.

The only tractor manufacturing plant in Alabama is located at Gadsden as the only steel tube mill in the South, which was recently completed at a cost of some $3,000,000.

Ways To Rid Cattle Of Contagious Warts

Warts on cattle are often passed on to the calves by contact.

W. H. Gregory, extension specialists, reveals that most warts are clipped off and the stumps painted with tincture of iodine.

Other sucessful ways to remove warts include the use of a wart vaccine or castor oil applied to warts daily. When the vaccine is used, repeated injections are necessary.

Disenfecting stalls and pens will usually prevent the spread of warts.

DAIRY OUTLOOK

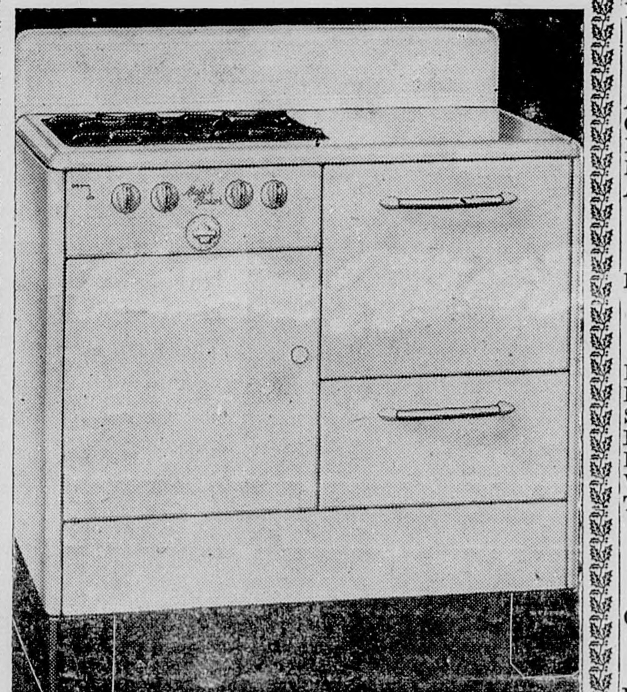
The demand for dairy product and the ability of the consumer to pay remains as high or higher than ever before.

HOGGING-OFF CORN

Farmers are finding that six or seven bushels of corn in the field, with a little protein supplement, will make 100 pounds of pork on the hoof. On this basis, corn producing 35 bushels an acre will yield about 500 lbs. of live pork per acre.

Mrs. Dalton Tomley of Dothan spent last Thursday and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Talley on Smith Avenue.

Magic Baker Gas Range



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From October 1, 1947 to Setember 30, 1948

GENERAL FUNDS

RECEIPTS:		
Privilege License	$4889.55	
Mortgage Tax	927.13	
Deed Tax	616.63	
Auto Tax	7503.92	
Advaloreum Tax	46397.44	
Land Redemption	55.05	
A. B. C. Stores	24675.13	
Trial Tax-Reporters Fees	442.04	
Franchise Tax	1188.26	
Transfer (Sinking Fund)	3000.00	
Miscellaneous	768.93	
Total		$90464.08
DISBURSEMENTS		
BOARD OF EDUCATION:		
Stationery- Supplies	114.09	
Stamps	153.40	
Total		$267.49
CIRCUIT CLERK:		
Ex-Off Fees	$1450.00	
Stationery-Supplies	762.82	
Stamps	63.42	
Equipment Repair	27.50	
Equipment	762.99	
Telephone	41.10	
Total		$3107.83
COMMISSIONERS COURT:		
Member per diem	$526.00	
Stationery-Supplies	58.15	
Keeping Records	2405.00	
Equipment Repairs	3.00	
Recording Minutes	56.25	
Postage	48.42	
Member Mileage	124.60	
Equipment Bought	221.26	
Total		$3442.68
COURTS:		
Jurors	3615.80	
Court Reporter	999.96	
Stationery	297.23	
Juror Board	60.00	
Equipment	370.00	
Transfer to Fine and Forfeiture	1500.00	
Fine and Forfeiture	1305.25	
Hataway Judgements paid	1936.50	
Miscellaneous	60.48	
Total		$10145.22
COURTHOUSE:		
Janitors	1740.00	
Lights heat and water	2019.11	
Supplies	606.79	
Equipment	125.00	
Repairs	1967.70	
Total		$6458.60
ELECTIONS:		
Supplies	702.65	
Election Officers	2946.80	
Making Poll List	981.80	
Publishing Voters List	338.00	
Total		$4969.25
EXAMINATIONS		
Justice of the Peace	$254.99	
Total		$254.99
HOME AND FARM:		
Asst. Farm Agent	$1620.03	
Asst Home Agent	999.96	
4-H Club Expense	80.19	
Farm Agent Supplies	93.20	
Total		$2793.38
WELFARE DEPARTMENT:		
Appropriation	$8750.00	
Caskets	50.00	
Removable Insane	660.40	
Member Mileage	3.70	
Additional Appropriation	103.50	
Total		$9567.60
INTEREST:		
BONDS	$5130.00	
Total		$5130.00
JAIL:		
Lights, Water and Heat	$291.53	
Dr. and Medicine	101.28	
Supplies	300.18	
Equipment	269.75	
Repairs	1033.97	
Washing	48.00	
Telephone	42.40	
Total		$2087.11
PREMIUMS:		
Fire Insurance	236.79	
Official Bonds	443.75	
Total		$680.54
PROBATE JUDGE:		
Ex-Off Fees	$400.00	
Stationery-Supplies	1951.77	
Equipment Repair	1.00	
Equipment Bought	262.90	
Postage	218.85	
Telephone	198.83	
Total		$3033.35
SHERIFF:		
Ex-Off Fees	$600.00	
Chief Deputy Sheriff	2100.00	
Extra Deputy Sheriff	1500.00	
Jailer	600.00	
Stationery	279.80	
Stamps	29.51	
Telephone	260.99	
Total		$5370.30
TRANSFERS:		
Transfer to Gasoline Fund	$31000.00	
Total		$31000.00
SUNDRY:		
Legal Notices	97.54	
Refund Taxes	202.74	
Rebind Records	40.00	
Equalization Board	62.70	
County Servicemen	254.82	
Advertising	15.00	
Health Dept. (Typhus Control)	555.24	
Total		$1228.04
TAX ASSESSOR:		
Plat and Abstract	$900.00	
Stationery-Supplies	375.43	
Stamps	33.50	
Equipment Repairs	17.20	
Total		$1326.13
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Stationery-Supplies	$342.65	
Stamps	45.13	
Commissions on Poll Tax	53.22	
Total		$441.00
		$91303.51
Expenditures in Excess of Revenue		$839.43

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

RECEIPTS:		
Advaloreum Tax	23428.73	
Land Redemption	27.53	
State Part of Engineers Salary	1590.57	
Rents	210.00	
Total		$25256.83
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Attend Comissioners Association	$479.85	
Association Dues	275.00	
Interest on Bonds	1350.00	
Exchange on Bonds & Coupons	12.69	
Right-of-way	76.90	
Road and Bridge Supplies	1632.60	
Repairs for Equipment	3249.25	
Equipment Bought	3524.45	
Attorneys Fees	300.00	
Making Transcript	62.00	
County Engineer	3652.24	
Miscellaneous	49.89	
Total		$14664.87
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure		$10591.96

SALES TAX FUNDS

RECEIPTS:		
State Comptroller	13763.52	
Old Age Assistance	6361.20	
State Comptroller	20973.12	
Transfer (from General Fund)	200.00	
Total		$41297.84
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Welfare Department	6250.00	
Health Department	3500.00	
County Farm Agent	2319.93	
County Home Agent	1650.04	
County Home Agent's Sec.	360.00	
Old Age Assistance	6361.00	
Welfare Department	20973.12	
Total		$41414.29
Expenditures in excess of revenue		$116.45

A. B. C. STORE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:		
State Comptroller	$2985.08	
Total		$2985.08
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Health Department	$2500.00	
Vital Statistics	407.60	
Total		$2907.60
Revenue in Excess of Expenditures		$77.48

GASOLINE FUND

RECEIPTS:		
State of Alabama	$205226.01	
Equipment Rental	189.00	
Equipment Sold	2825.00	
Transfers (General Fund)	31000.00	
Merchants Nat'l Bank-Trust	2071.80	
Miscellaneous	137.58	
Total		$241449.39
DISBURSEMENTS:		
DISTRICT NO. 1		
Labor	$15271.76	
Gas and Oil	4333.65	
Repairs	5001.44	
Material-Supplies	2542.71	
Equipment	14128.66	
Member Pay	1116.00	
Member Mileage	600.00	
Total		$42994.22
DISTRICT NO. 2		
Labor	$7377.49	
Gas and Oil	$4063.00	
Repairs	8369.73	
Material-Supplies	15345.57	
Equipment	21790.72	
Member Pay	1060.00	
Member Mileage	567.75	
Total		$58574.26
DISTRICT NO. 3		
Labor	$8102.74	
Gas and Oil	3899.58	
Repairs	5479.29	
Material-Supplies	5103.98	
Equipment	16715.02	
Member Pay	900.00	
Member Mileage	401.15	
Total		$40601.76
DISTRICT NO. 4		
Labor	$4769.70	
Gas and Oil	6664.59	
Repairs	5582.16	
Material-Supplies	9806.65	
Equipment	7535.28	
Member Pay	1024.00	
Member Mileage	586.00	
Total		$35968.38
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Merchants National Bank	12390.00	
City National Bank	15180.00	
First National Bank Birmingham	10400.00	
First National Bank, Montgomery	3000.00	
State National Bank. Decatur	11220.00	
Total		$52190.00
		$230328.62
Revenue in Excess of expenditures		$11120.79

ENTERPRISE-DAMASCUS ROAD

RECEIPTS:		
Transfer (State Aid C'nty Fund)	50262.33	
State Highway Department	68789.25	
City Of Elba	4767.58	
Total		$123819.16
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Labor	$33900.31	
Gas and Oil	140.94	
Repairs	504.48	
Material-Supplies-Equip Rents	141154.97	
Equipment Bought	18517.65	
Total		$194218.35
Expenditures in Excess of Revenue		$70399.19

ROAD WARRANT TRUST FUND

RECEIPTS:		
Transferred from Gasoline fund		$12390.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Interest Paid	$750.00	
Trustee	398.40	
Cash Received	2071.80	
Total		$3220.20
Revenue in Excess of Expenditures		$9169.80

GAS WARRANT TRUST FUND OF 1940

RECEIPTS:		
Transferred from Gasoline Fund		$15180.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Interest Paid		1481.25
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure		$13698.75

GAS TAX WARRANT FUND OF 1941

RECEIPTS:		
Transferred from Gasoline Fund		$10400.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Interest Paid	$2250.00	
Trustee	5.62	
Total		$2255.62
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure		$8144.38

GAS TAX WARRANT FUND OF 1945

RECEIPTS:		
Transferred from Gasoline Fund		$3000.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Interest Paid	$2950.00	
Trustee Fee	150.00	
Total		$3100.00
Expenditure in Excess of Revenue		$100.00

GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND

RECEIPTS:		
Received from U. S. Treasury for Int.		$1720.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Interest Paid	$1347.50	
Trustee Fee	15.00	
Total		$1362.50
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure		$357.50

ASSETS

CASH:		
General Fund	$1601.17	
General Obligation Trust Fund	1115.92	
U. S. Treasury Bonds 2% Owned	86000.00	
Accounts Receivable	436.80	
Sales Tax (Transfer)	200.00	
Coffee C'ty Trust A-c (Fiduciary)	25.00	
A. B. C. Store Funds	376.58	
Sales Tax Funds	109.71	
Road and Bridge	6833.65	
Gasoline Funds	30156.76	
Gasoline Funds (Acct's. Rec.)	44.39	
Gas Tax Warrant Fund of 1940	5637.57	
Gas Tax Warrant Trust of 1941	10010.65	
State Highway Department	150000.00	
Gas Tax Warrant Fund of 1945	283.34	
Gas Tax Anticipation W'nts 1947	11745.00	
Enterprise-Damascus Road	12304.21	
General Fund — Sinking Fund	47965.01	
U. S. Treasury Bonds - Gen. Fund	5000.00	
Road and Bridge Sinking Fund	10710.57	
Total		380556.33

LIABILITIES

6% Funding Bonds	$76000.00	
6% Re-Funding Bonds	10000.00	
General Obli. Ref'd'g Bonds 1¾	74000.00	
Road & Bridge Ref Bonds 2¼%	54000.00	
Gas Tax Warrants 3¾%	29000.00	
Gas Tax Warrant Fund of 1941 3¾%	60000.00	
Gas Tax Warrant Fund of 1945 2%	150000.00	
Gas Tax Warrant Fund-Trustee	150.00	
Gas Tax Anticipation Warrants	70000.00	
A-c Payable Enterprise-Damascus Road	17561.23	
Total		$540711.23
Liabilities in Excess of Expenditures		$540711.23

Interest bearing warrants against gasoline tax funds levy only and not a direct obligation against the County for which its credit is pledged.

I, J. O. English, Judge of Probate and chairman of the Court of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Court of County Commissioners, Coffee County, Alabama, to the best of my knowledge and belief for the period of Oct. 1, 1947 to September 30th, 1948:

J. O. English, Judge of Probate and Chairman of the Court of County Commissioners.

BLEED THROUGH

Auto Industry Produces 100 Millionth Vehicle

Detroit— This year the American automotive industry has reached a significant milestone —production of one hunderd million motor vehicles.

The 100 millionth vehicle, like millions ahead of it rolled off the final assembly lines in one of the 112 car and truck plants scattered over 77 cities in 24 states.

Historians generally credit Charles E. and J. Frank Duryea with building, in 1893, at Springfield, Mass., the first U. S. automobile powered by a gasoline engine.

Since the first Duryea car 55 years ago, the industry has turned out motor vehicles at an average annual rate of nearly 2,000,000.

While American manufacturers, under the U. S. system of free enterprise, were producing 100,000,000 motor vehicles, the other countries of the world, some of which began automotive before the U. S. were turning out 24,000,000. Of the 100,000,000 vehicles produced in the U. S., a total of 21,500,000 units went to export markets.

Today, in 1948, the automotive and related industries employ nearly nine million people, or more than one out of every seven persons earning a living in the United States.

A total of 56 U. S. firms now produce 21 makes of passenger cars and 39 makes of trucks and 20 makes of motor buses.

The assembly plants are supplied by more than 1,000 parts plants, while about 20,000 other firms furnish a long list of essential materials, supplies and services. Materials for automotive assembly comes from the 48 states and more than 50 foreign countries.

With the automotive industry at present turning out about 30 new cars and 10 new trucks and buses every minute of every working day, it is entirely possiple that the second 100,000,000 motor vehicles will be produced in less than half the time required for the first 100,000,000.

Motor vehicles— passenger cars, trucks and buses— have brought about profound shanges in America since the first crude "horseless carriages" made their appearance. They have helped to boost the standard of living to a level far highter than anywhere else in the world. They gave the average family a new form of transportation to overcome the barriers of cost, time and distance.

It was 1925 before the U. S. car, truck and bus manufacturers achieved production of their first 25 million vehicles.

The next 25 million were made between 1925 and 1931, an era of high output. (In 1929 the industry set an all-time record by making 5,385,000 cars and trucks

It took eight mere years, until 1939, for the industry to produce its third 25 million cars.

The fourth million cars, trucks and buses took nine years to build. However, nearly four years were devoted entirely to military production—the first time in history that car assembly lines had been completely stopped.

Last year some 4,798,000 vehicles were produced. This output was exceeded only by 1929, 1937 and 1941 production. If the present rate of production is maintained for the balance of the year, 1948 output will be second only to 1929.

Since World War II, the U. S. automotive industry has added 34 new plants and thousands of new machines and tools to its facilities.

Short steel supply still continues to limit production. But when the materials are ample, the industry is ready and equipped to smash all production records.

The U. S. automotive industry began as a cluster of alley shops at the turn of the century. Today it produces nearly five out of every six motor vehicles produced in the entire world.

Nearly a million persons are now employed in the U. S. firms manufacturing motor vehicles and parts.

Nearly eight million other jobs in the U. S. are found in the related fields—trucking, garages, sales and service firms, road building etc.

Of the nations all time high of over 3,800,000 business firms, one of every six is in some automotive field. The bulk of these firms are small independent establishments.

Thus, in all, more than one in every seven jobs in the U. S. today is in some automotive field.

Highly competitive from the outset, automotive companies have invested billions of dollars in better machinery and have carried on extensive research so they could cut costs and build better cars in order to win more customers.

Fierce competition over the years has brought steady improvements in the industrys products. Today's cars are built to last about 100,000 miles, four times as much as the cars of 25 years ago.

All-steel bodies, coil springs, improved transmissions and countless improvements in engines and other features have meant steadily better cars over the years.

As costs of cars came down in relation to U. S. income, use of cars expanded more rapidly and more and more people could afford them. This, in turn, created millions of new jobs in roadbuilding, gasoline stations, truck driving, garages, resorts and tourist business, etc.

As mass production of cars and trucks had wide indirect benefits. It gave the farmers and industrial plants a new transportation tool, more flexible than any known before. It expanded retail trading areas in cities. It made suburban towns possible. It developed whole new industries— for example, the modern bread industry which owes its birth to the trucks rolling along our streets and highways.

Today, more than 40 million motor vehicles, including some seven million motor trucks are rolling along the streets and highways of the nation. That is one for every four people in the U. S. The rest of the world has a total of about 15½ million vehicles. One for every 130 persons. Altogether about 44 million of the 100 million U. S. built cars and trucks are still in operation. Some five million of these are in foreign countries.

The destiny of America's automotive industry was voiced by Thomas A. Edison in 1895 when he said of the "horseless carriage",

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HELP ASKED FROM THOSE WHO CARE

DREAMING OF A "WHITE CHRISTMAS"—Will this little girl's dreams come true for all the tots at the Methodist Children's Home this Christmas? She is pictured above in her bed at the Selma orphanage as she dreams of what all the dependent youngsters hope will come true for them.

Methodists throughout the North Alabama and Alabama Conferences are making their annual "White Christmas" appeal to raise funds for these needy children. Methodist churches in Alabama and West Florida are embraced in these conferences. All funds collected go to the home.

The "White Christmas" campaign will culminate in all these churches Sunday, Dec. 19. Kenneth E. Cooper, attorney and chairman, and other Methodist leaders who make up the home's board of directors, said three cottages are under construction to provide adequate living quarters for the dependent kids. More are planned. Demands on the home are much greater than present facilities can accommodate.

These children are sent to school and directed to work and play. As they grow up their lives are shaped toward becoming useful citizens.

Contribution checks should be made to Methodist Children's Home and sent to Max E. Livingston, its superintendent, at Selma.

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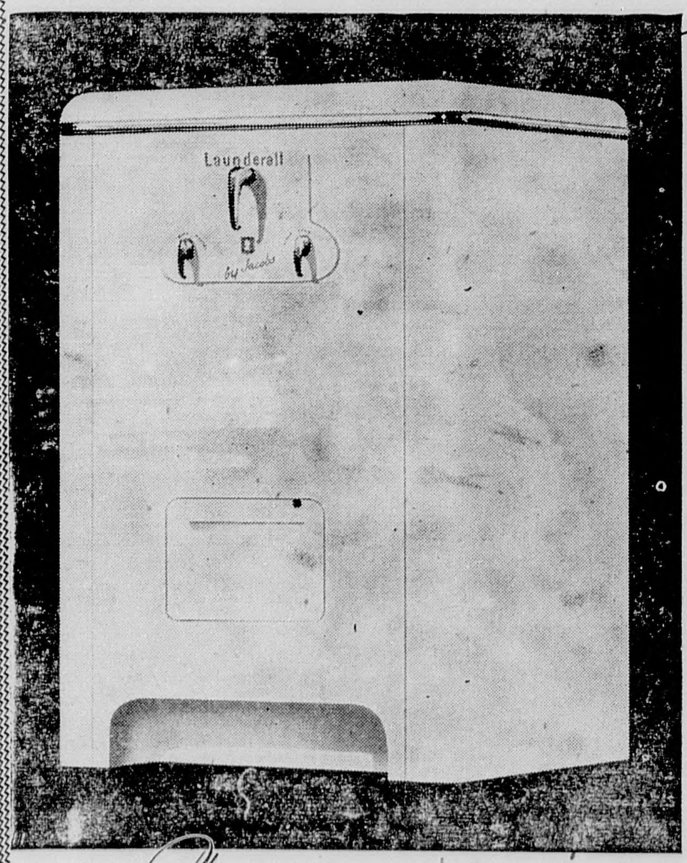

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News From Kinston

(By Mrs. Rayford Stephens)

JUNIOR R. A.,S MEET

The Kinston chapter Junior Royal Ambassadors met Friday afternoon at the Baptist church.

The counselor, Mrs. Robert presided over the business meeting at which the following officers were elected: Ambassador-in-chief, Leo Roberts; First assistant, Jack Perry; Second assistant, Bob Wise; Chapter recorder, Jimmie C, Rhoades Chapter scribe, Bobby Anderson; Chapter herald, Joe Pruitt; and Chapter custodian, Allen Blackstock.

Foreign missions was the study for the afternoon and a contribution was made to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Refreshments were served by the counselor to the following members: Bobby Anderson, Jack Perry, Leo Roberts, Joe Pruitt, Bob Wise, Paul Wise, and Jimmie C. Roades.

—K—

Mr. and Mrs. George Gentry Jr. and daughter, Elizabeth Ann, of Greenville, were guests of Mrs George Gentry Sunday.

MISS KILKREASE AND MR. KIMBRO ARE WED

Mr .and Mrs. Claude Kilkrease of the Freiendship community announce the marriage of their daughter, Foye, to Mr. Jerome Kimbro, at a simple ceremony on Saturday afternoon, December 11th. Jerome is the son of Elder and Mrs. J. L. Kimbro of Kinston

—K—

The public is cordially invited to attend the Christmas program "Christmas Customs" to be presented at the high school auditorium Sunday night, December 19 at 7:00 o'clock. Immediately following the program the picture "The Song of the Bernadette" will be shown.

—K—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horton and infant son, Ronald, of Andalusia are spending some time with Mrs. George Gentry and Miss Betty Sue Gentry this week.

—K—

Mrs. M. F. Newsome of Ozark is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

LAFF LINES

Night Owl

YOUNG Archy Spencer was a rabid "joiner." He belonged to every lodge in town, and was proud of it. That is he was until he asked the canny Lucy Morgan to be his wife.

"I don't know," the girl replied doubtfully. "I hear you are an inveterate lodge member, Archy. Just how many lodges do you belong to?"

"F-f-fifteen," the startled swain admitted.

"No," Lucy decided, "I can't marry you. I simply won't have a husband who goes out 15 nights a week!"

Vital Statistics

Bret Harte, the author, once arrived in Richmond with a splitting headache which almost blinded him with pain.

Feeling that a bit of fresh air would do him good, he went out for a stroll with a proud native of Richmond who talked long and hard about the wonders of the city.

"Richmond," boasted his companion, "is one of the healthiest cities in America. Our death rate averages only one person per day."

At this, Harte slowed his walk perceptibly.

"Tell me," he moaned, holding his throbbing head in his hands, "has today's man died yet?"

MRS FORE HONORED WITH SHOWER

Mrs. Wendell Fore (nee Imogene Clark was honored with a pretty miscellaneous shower on Friday afternoon, December 10 at the home of Mrs. Dewey Adams.

The home was beautiful with its arrangements of cut flowers and other decorations carrying out the color scheme of red and green. The dining table was laid with an imported linen cloth embroidered in red and green, further carrying out the Christmas colors. Guests wee greeted at the door by Miss Sue Allen Adams and directed to the gift room. Miss Herlene Ham presided over the brides book. Refreshments were served in the dining room by Mrs. Johnny Carter.

Piano selections were rendered by Mrs. Dewey Hattaway during the afternoon. About forty guest called during the appointed hours.

Many friends remained and presented Mrs. Johnny Carter a number of lovely going-away gifts. She and her husband are moving to Opp soon.

—K—

Mr .and Mrs. J. M. Rash visited friends in Auburn Sunday.

Tomboy's Christmas

By HELYN CONNELLY

BETTY JANE threw her purse at a chair and sat down heavily on the bed.

She wore her father's shirt and her brother's blue jeans, a costume she adopted a year before with Woody Anderson's permission.

"What's the matter, dear?" She jumped as the words cut the silence, but she didn't turn. She didn't want her mother to know anything was amiss—not yet, anyway. And then suddenly the tears came, like angry flood waters bursting through a barrier, unable to be restrained any longer.

Mrs. Miller was careful to keep a straight face as she wiped her 16-year-old daughter's face with her handkerchief. "Why, dear? Did Lance upset you?"

Betty Jane shook her head vehemently. Why did mother always think her brother was to blame for her tears? Grown women never cried over their brothers! "It's what Lance saw, not what he did," Betty said in a burst of confidence. As her mother waited she continued wretchedly. "He saw Woody buying a bottle of cologne. Cologne, mother, imagine! He was so glib when he told me I looked cute in jeans and now he's two-timing me with some fluffy female who actually uses cologne! Oh, how can men be so beastly?"

"Gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

"Darling, how do you know the cologne isn't for you? Maybe Woody thinks you've outgrown your jeans."

"He knows what I think of these pink and white girls who use that horrible concoction! He wouldn't dare get me any. And besides, I already told him I wanted roller skates for Christmas. . . . I have to be ready for the new rink that's opening next month, don't I? I thought Woody and I would be going together, but now that's all over." She threw her arms around her mother and cried tragically, "Oh, mother, I'll never smile again! I definitely won't."

This time Mrs. Miller smiled over her daughter's head. She well recognized the stage Betty Jane was going through and decided she must take a hand. "You're sure the cologne wouldn't be for a sister or a cousin?"

"He hasn't a female in the family, and his mother never uses it, so who else could it possibly be for? I'll bet it's for Estelle Bryan. All the other fellows like her but Woody used to say she was too fragile. Oh, mother, how he's deceived me!"

HER mother arose. "Well, dry your eyes, Betty, dear. It's Christmas Eve and you want to be happy today. Woody will probably come over with your roller skates tonight and we'll surprise him. If he likes fragile girls, he'll get one."

Betty Jane sat up straight. "Mother, no! Not that horrible blue dress you bought me!

"You wash up and put that dress on, Betty.

"We'll wait for you downstairs." With that, Mrs. Miller closed the door on her tomboy daughter and hurried downstairs. As she reached the bottom step the doorbell rang and she admitted Woody Anderson, a lanky boy with unruly red hair and freckles marching in perfect formation over the bridge of his nose. He was clutching a box, obviously containing the roller skates requested by Betty Jane.

"She'll be right down," Mrs. Miller informed him, then left him alone for the surprise.

It came a half-hour later when Betty Jane made her appearance. The blue dress looked even better than she had hoped it would.

"Gosh, Betty Jane!" Woody contributed to the conversation. The smile broadened. "For me, Woody?" she asked, nodding toward the box. "Is it cologne? Lance saw you buying some." So casual, so indifferent.

"Uh—gosh, no, Betty Jane. Gee, you asked for skates and I got them for you. I bought cologne for Miss Lindsay, the English teacher that helped me with my essay for that contest."

"How sweet of you." She stepped down into the living room and accepted the box from Woody. "Thank you," she said gravely. "Yours is under the tree."

"Gee, I didn't think I'd ever like you dressed up as a girl, Betty," he gulped. "Estelle looked so awful and I was proud to have you run around with me in blue jeans, but, gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

SOCIALS

FIDELLIS CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. E. G. Bragg, Miss Mabel Brunson and Mrs. J. W Kendrick entertained the Fidellis Class of the Baptist Sunday School at a Christmas party given at the home of Mrs. Bragg on Tuesday evening.

The home was beautifully and artistically decorated throughout with the lovliest of Christmas suggestions. Around the brilliantly lighted tree were gifts for everyone present.

Miss Mabel Brunson read from the second chapter of Luke and led in prayer. The entire group sang Christmas carols with Mrs. J. A. Carnley accompanying at the piano.

A salad plate and coffee were served to the following members present: Mrs. W. K. Farris, of Montgomery; Mrs. Baxter Bryan Mrs. J. M. Kimmey, Mrs. Ross Clark, Mrs. Fulton Clark, Miss Lillie Morrow, Mrs. J. W. Moody, Mrs. Dozier Bryan, Mrs. Levie Foley, Mrs. J. A. Carnley, and the hostesses.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Rowe attended the White Christmas program at Huntingdon college in Montgomery.

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Miss Nell English is in Washington, D. C., where she is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill English.

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Mrs. Jim Rodgers and Mrs. Jim Spears and children of Geneva were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tillman Sunday.

MRS. FRANKLIN HONORED AT PRE-HOLIDAY PARTY

The pre-holiday party given by the Baptist W. M. S. honoring Mrs. B. S. Franklin on Monday evening was a most delightful affair.

The program consisted of musical numbers by Misses Joan Clark and Ella Wilkerson and the Gospel Ambassadors. Mrs. W. H. Bell of Enterprise told a Christmas story.

Following the program, Mrs. Sam Sawyer, W. M. S. president, presented a cash gift to Mrs. Franklin as an expression of the love and appreciation of the ladies of the three circles.

Mrs. Horace Brock and Mrs. J. C. McLeod went to Montgomery Tuesday to meeet Mrs. Gid Park and daughter, Jane, of Florence, who will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Brock.

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Mrs. Kimmey Farris of Montgomery is visiting relatives here. She will continue her visit through the holidays.

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Mrs. H. D. Tillman, Mrs. John B. Wise and Miss Doris Tillman visited in Dothan Tuesday.

A social hour was enjoyed in the Baraca room. Party refreshments were served.

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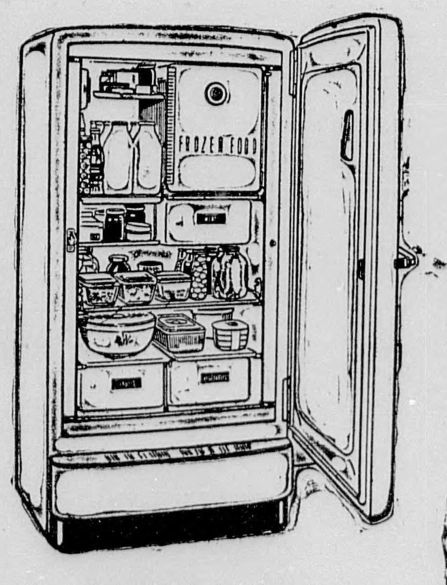

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New Brockton News

(By Mrs. George S. Hogg)

The Sorosis Club held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Brock with Mrs. Carolyn Hardy as co-hostess.

The president, Mrs. Ferrel Dozier presided over the brief business session. The topic for the afternoon was "Painting" with Mrs. M. O. Jones in charge.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. H. Dykes.

Miss Mollie Belle Sawyer and Mrs. M. O. Fuller were the principal members on the program. At the conclusion of the program the hostess served a salad plate with coffee. John Olen Hardy passed the napkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collier and daughter, Harriet, of Columbus, Ga., visited Mr .and Mrs. Colley Pittman Thursday.

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Hrs. Dewey Rowe of Mariana, Fla., visited Mrs. W. C. Rowe last Sunday.

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Miss Julia Harris is visiting Mrs. Bertie Stewart in Montgomery.

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Miss Ann Dunaway, student at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dunaway.

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SHORT SHORT STORY

Impossible Journey

By SHIRLEY RAY

3-Minute Fiction

IT WAS the fifth morning in a row so Mrs. Laughton was not surprised. She slipped out of bed quietly, reached for a robe, and put it over her shoulders.

Before dawn, every morning of that week, her four-year-old daughter had wakened her with gentle but insistent tugs to tell her about the dream she'd just had. Had they been nightmares, Mrs. Laughton would have been eager to get up to comfort a frightened child, but they were never nightmares. They were always gay and fanciful dreams that made the little girl's small face glow with wonder and delight.

So Mrs. Laughton, as on the other mornings, took Ellen into the kitchen and poured a glass of milk for each of them.

With both small hands wrapped around her glass, the little girl sat on the edge of a too large chair and with shining eyes, eagerly told her dream.

"I DREAMED I was sleeping, Mommy, and that the North Wind stopped right outside my window and called my name. He said, 'Ellen—Ellen—wake up and come to the window. Then I'll put you on my shoulder and take you for a ride with me.'"

Mrs. Laughton took a drink from her glass of milk. This dream was going to be very much like the others. Something or someone—once a bluebird, once a fairy—she couldn't recall what the others were—came to the window and offered to take Ellen on an impossible journey. Mrs. Laughton yawned. She would liked to have put her daughter to bed and ended the tale at once, but the thought of Mr. Laughton and his sure-to-be-bad disposition made her ask patiently, "What did the North Wind look like, dear?"

Ellen was enthusiastic.

"He was green," she declared importantly.

Mrs. Laughton thought to herself, "She doesn't know one color from another."

The child continued. "He had long pointy green shoes and long green hair and a long green nose." The wide eyes and little blonde head leaned forward and the small voice became confidential. "He was all green except for the buckles on his shoes. They were silver and shaped like stars and they sparkled so bright that I had to blink my eyes as we went through the air."

"We went way up high over the houses and trees."

Mrs. Laughton yawned again. Ellen didn't notice.

"After I climbed onto his shoulder," she said, "we went way up high over all the houses and trees. We woke the leaves and they made shivering noises whenever we passed by. We stirred the dust from the streets so they would be clean for morning.

"BUT soon he said that he must take me back home because there were other towns he had to visit before the night was over. So," (she sounded genuinely disappointed) "we came back to my window. He lifted me down from his shoulder, said goodnight and went away—way up in the sky."

"That's fine, dear—such a fine dream," she said, and added hastily, "Now let's go back to bed."

It was morning. Mr. Laughton had left for the office a couple of hours ago, and Ellen was playing in the yard.

Mrs. Laughton made Ellen's small bed. She picked up a rag doll and set it in a chair. She put the two miniature bedroom slippers in their place in the closet. She picked up a rumpled nightie and started to hang it away.

There was something in the pocket—something heavy. Mrs. Laughton put her hand inside and felt. It was cold and hard.

She drew it out slowly and held it in her hand for a long time. It was a silver buckle in the shape of a star.

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Poor Service

After several hours' fishing, Patty suddenly threw her fishing pole into the bottom of the boat and exclaimed, "I quit!"

"Why, Patty, what's the matter?" asked her mother.

"Well, Mother," she answered, "I just can't seem to get waited on."

A HELPING HAND

The 98-pound jockey married a woman at least twice his weight. After the ceremony, he asked some of the guests to drop over to his flat. The best man looked doubtful.

"Thanks, Sammy," he said, "but, after all, it's kind of late. Maybe your wife wouldn't approve of company at this hour."

The jockey shrugged.

"Oh, I don't expect you chaps to stay long," he explained. "All I want is for you to help me carry the bride over the threshold."

Self-Made Man

A politician said to Horace Greeley one day:

"I am a self-made man."

"That, sir," replied Greeley, "relieves the Almighty of a terrible responsibility."

Boost in Salary

"Why, Mary, you are breaking more crockery than your wages amount to! What can we do about it?"

"I don't know, ma'am. Maybe you'd better raise my wages."

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Young Man: "Sir, I wish to marry your daughter and have a large family."

Oldster: "If you marry my daughter you'll have a large family—there are eight of us."

Soak shredded coconut in sweet milk a few minutes before using it to freshen it.

Block Ticket Sales Popular With Dixie Bowl Fans

Huntsville will be a well-represented city—and then some—at the Dixie Bowl battle between Wake Forest and Baylor in Birmingham on January 1st at Legion Field.

Dixie headquarters announced this week that blocks of seats have been bought for both Huntsville's pee-wee football champs and the runners-up. These are in addition to purchases by other organizations there which plan to attend the Birmingham classic en masse.

Huntsville's ticket orders for its youthful gridsters point up an especially attractive angle to the New Year's Day program.

More than a few cities around the state, like Huntsville, are honoring high school and junior football teams with a trip to the Dixie Bowl, which promises to again have one of the nation's top games on January 1st.

Reserve seats for team members can be purchased for as little as $2.50 per ticket under the Dixie's reduced price scale. Many clubs, however, are buying the best seats available, the $4.90 top, for their youngsters.

Included on the list of teams for whom tickets have been set aside are Lineville High, Tallapoosa High, of Dadeville, Pell City High, Piedmont Y.M.C.A., Fyffe, Thomasville and Haleyville.

Talladega Quarterback Club members purchased more than 50 tickets in a block.

These block sales proved highly popular around the state last year and the same is proving true this year as tickets continue to move along rapidly. Some of the good seats are left, General Manager Holt Rast said yesterday, but they won't last forever.

Birmingham—and Alabama—recognize the Baylor-Wake Forest match as one which should produce an afternoon of exciting football, something on par with last year's Dixie Bowl thriller between William and Mary and Arkansas.

Meanwhile, reports from Waco Texas, the home of the Bears and Wake Forest, N. C., where the Deacons come from, have the rival squads anxious to get down to hard work, getting ready for the battle.

Both teams finished the season on a high note, Baylor in a 7-7 tie with heavily favored Rice and Wake Forest in an amazing rout of a good South Carolina eleven. Coaches and players are hoping to stay at the peak. Each side respects the ability of the other. It will be the first bowl game for Baylor and the Bears are particularly anxious to make good for Coach Bob Woodruff.

A mighty battle is shaping up for Birmingham and all indications are that a mighty sell-out crowd will be on hand to see it. Mail orders are being handled at the Dixie headquarters, Protective Life Building, Birmingham. If you are in Birmingham, you can buy your ducats at E. E. Forbes.

SHORT RETORT

One of the shortest letters on record was written by a New York renter in response to his landlord's notice to vacate the house at once. Aware of his rights under state regulations, the renter replied:

"Sir:

"I remain.

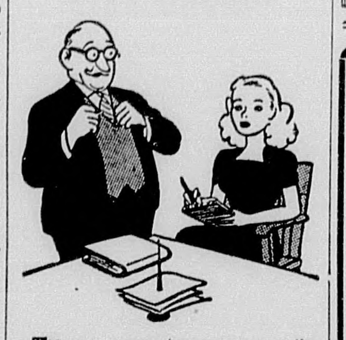
Yours truly."

A Chestnut

"Darling," he cried, "I swear by this great tree, whose spreading branches shade us from the heat—by this noble tree I swear I have never liked another girl."

The girl smiled faintly. 'You always say such appropriate things, Fred," she murmured. "This is a chestnut tree."

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY



The new secretary was on the carpet. "Miss Brown," said the boss, "You're very attractive."

"Really?" blushed the typist.

"Yes, you dress well, your voice is modulated, your deportment is beyond criticism."

'You really shouldn't pay me so many compliments," she said.

"Oh, that's all right. I just wanted to put you in a cheerful mood before taking up the matter of punctuation and spelling."

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LETTUCE	2 Heads	19c
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DEATH OF COLORED FARMER

George Elliard, respected colored farmer of Elba, died December 12 following an illness of 30 days. He was born in Conecuh County and had resided in Coffee County for six years. He was a member of the Methodist church.

He is survived by five sons, two daughters, three brothers and a sister. He was buried at Owssa cemetery with Bonneau-Jeter Funeral Home directing.

55,431 Treated At State Health Center

From early August, 1944, when the Rapid Treatment Center for veneral diseases was established in Birmingham, through last August, 55,431 cases of syphilis were treated at that center, according to Dr. W. H. Y. Smith, Director of the State Health Department's Bureau of Preventable Diseases.

Veneral disease authorities estimate, Dr. Smith said, that about 97.7 per cent of all cases of syphilis treated by modern penicillin therapy (that used at the Rapid Treatment Center) fail to relapse.

Mr. Joe Robertson of Birmingham was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Murphree during the week-end.

New Oil Drillings For Alabama

It was learned in Montgomery this week that a New Orleans firm will start extensive drilling for oil in Alabama during the coming year.

The announcement was made by James Woods, who heads the Woods Drilling Company, which is one of the biggest drillers in the West.

Mr. Woods stated that his company had reason to believe that extensive oil deposits exist throughout a large section of Alabama. He went even further to predict that Alabama would, before too many years, be one of the country's richest oil producing states.

W. Kay Farris of Dothan, visited relatives in Elba Sunday.

SHORT STORY

When the Blind See

By LOUIS CUNNINGHAM

3-Minute Fiction

"I MUST go to him myself, Parrish. I have so looked forward to surprising him."

Mrs. Gerald Ivering, home from six months in Europe, had reached New York a day earlier than she had cabled her husband. Her maid held the young wife by the arm as they went up the steps. In the hall Kitty whispered, "Go up and unpack, Parrish. I can find my way very well . . . just as if . . ."

Parrish smiled fondly at her mistress . . . a face sweetly calmed by years of darkness and patient suffering.

"Blindness made you no less lovely, madam," said Parrish. "And you could see nothing finer than yourself."

Parrish watched her feeling the wall to her husband's study.

Gerald Ivering moved hastily away from the woman who sat beside him. He put his finger to her lips, then touched his eyes to call to mind that she who stood in the door could not see them.

"Kitty! You wired you'd be on Wednesday's plane. And there was no one there to meet you."

"I wanted to walk in on you like this when you were all alone and thinking of me," she cried.

THE woman moved noiselessly and stood by the mantle. Kitty took the place she had left. Gerald, an uneasy frown on his face, sat beside her.

"It is late," said the blind girl. "I knew I would find you alone. Have you been very lonesome for me, Gerald? What did you do while I was away?"

"It has not been easy without you," he said.

"You never cared for anyone but me, Gerald, did you?" persisted Kitty. "There was no other woman?"

"But there was, Kitty . . . a year before you came. I thought I loved her and she pretended to care for me. I was just a young lawyer then. I had nothing to offer and she married a wealthy man."

"You ceased to love her then, of course. Did you never see her again?"

"Yes. I saw her . . . recently."

"Tell me. What is she like? Is she prettier than I? . . . Tall, perhaps, with black hair and eyes and very red lips and a soulless face . . . a sort of woman whom it is death for a man to love?"

The woman moved angrily. A different crimson from that which decked her cheeks flooded her forehead. Gerald gazed in wonder. He smiled cynically. "She is all you describe. Even as you guess . . . for I know you never saw her . . . she is soulless. She was untrue to my love and she is now untrue to

Her lips went to his.

the man who calls her wife. She is a temptress . . . even to one who is strong in an honest love. She came to me again and tried to win me back. But what she offers is dishonorable. I told her to go. You were my protection. I never want to see her again."

THE woman looked at him with hatred. Then she picked up her wrap by the door and vanished.

The girl's fingers caressed her husband's face and her lips went to his. Suddenly she pointed to his shoulder.

"See, Gerald, there is a hair on your coat. Wait, I will get it."

He stared in wonderment.

"Kit, Kit! What is this? Am I dreaming? You . . . you can see!"

"I went to a specialist in Vienna two months ago and have some of my sight back. That was why I came in surprise. And oh, I am glad that the first thing I saw about you is the honesty of your love. I had been without the use of my eyes too long to trust the value of what they first showed me . . . that woman with her arm about your neck. I knew if I were blind I would be happier, so I kept up the pretence and in blindness I saw what in light I might have missed."

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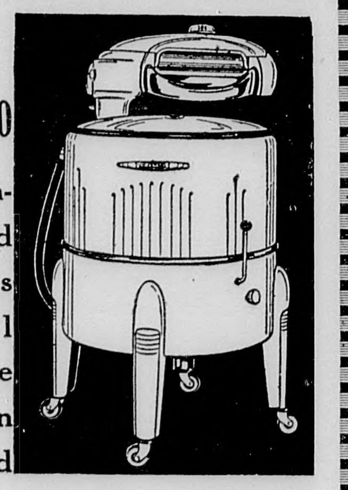

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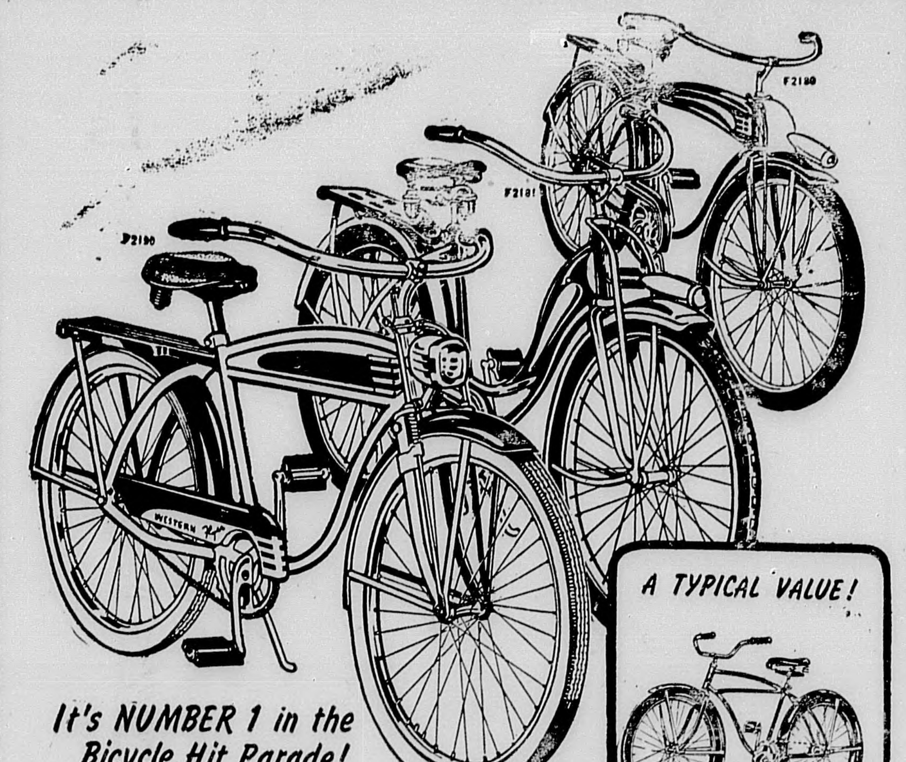

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About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

Large Attendance At Christmas Cantata

A large audience was highly entertained at the Elba Methodist Church Sunday night with a cantata given by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Cooper, accompanied by Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf at the piano.

The Cantata, which was a beautiful ararngement of Christmas hymns and carols, was exceptionally well rendered and was very well received by the audience. The occasion was the annual "White Christmas" program given for the benefit of the Methodist Orphans home at Selma. At the close of the musical program a collection was taken which amounted to a considerable sum.

Boys Honest

Police Chief J. W. Parker reports that six teen-age boys recently turned in to him a purse belonging to Mrs. J. D. Morrow, which they found in front of the Western Auto Associate Store. The purse contained about ten dollars in money, which is ordinarily enough to be quite tempting to a finder, especially boys of that age.

Chief Parker considers this an act of unusual honesty and commends them for it. The boys are James Oliver Robbins, Raymon Thomaston, Louie Conner, Robert Ballard, Bennie Daugherty, and Ray Thomaston.

Father of E. H. Corbit Dies In Hartford

Freinds of E. H. Corbitt, Elba resident, sympathize with him in the death of his father, Larkin J. Corbitt, which occurred at his home in Hartford about noon, Saturday, Dec. 18. Mr. Corbitt was 73 years of age. He was a member of the Hartford Methodist church and had been a member of the board of stewards for 48 years.

Surviving are his widow; three sons, Emory Hugh Corbitt, Elba; James Riley Corbitt, Montgomery and Rev. Charles Anderson Carbitt, Marianna, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Darnell, Birmingham, Mrs. Mary Alice Holley, Abbeville and Mrs. C. R. Hardwick, Hartford; a brother, Lex Corbitt of Hartford and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Hartford Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Daniels, assisted by Rev. G. W. Kerlin of Marianna. Interment was in the church cemetery with members of the board of stewards serving as honorary pallbearers.

Santa Claus Finds Children Waiting Last Saturday

Rides To Town On Fire Truck; Passes Out Candy - Prizes

In spite of inclement weather conditions Santa Claus came to Elba Saturday on scheduled time He was strictly up to date and landed in his plane out in the country and came to town on Elba's shiny new fire truck. A crowd of youngsters and many of the older folk awaited his arrival and crowded about the jolly old fellow.

St. Nick was generous with his gifts and many children took full advantage of his generosity. He was a worthy successor to the Santa Claus of past years when H. I. Boland filled the position so efficiently. The Elba Fire Department had charge of the program and handled it very nicely.

Elba Stores Close Sat., Sun. & Mon.

Practically all of Elba's retail stores will be closed on Monday, December 27 to give additional time to employees for Christmas.

The stores will close Friday night and will be open for business again on Tuesday, December 28th. You are urged to shop ahead to prevent inconvenience over the long holiday week-end.

Elba Tigers Defeat New Brockton 32 To 30 On Local Court

No Further Games Until Holidays Are Over

(By Howard Stroud)

Elba met and defeated the New Brockton basketball team in another of the thriller games similar to the ones played on the local court Friday night. The game was played in the new gym on Tuesday afternoon.

The first quarter was comparatively slow with Elba netting 5 points to 3 for their opponents.

Through the second quarter both teams played better offensive ball with New Brockton making 13 points and Elba 11 to end the half in a 16-16 deadlock.

New Brockton forged ahead in the third quarter as they added five points while holding the Tigers to two.

The fireworks came in the last period when Elba pulled into a 30-30 tie in the closing minutes of the game. Then with only 20 seconds remaining, Billy Jacobs found the basket for the two-pointer that won the game. The final score showed Elba 32 and New Brockton 30 as the game ended with the crowds still in an uproar.

Ben Johnson was top man for the victors with 14 points to his credit. He was followed by King and Jacobs with 7 each. Folsom led the New Brockton team with 10 points and Miller was runner-up with nine.

This game concluded the 1948 schedule for the Tigers. Their next game will be played in Andalusia on January 4th.

Joe L. Crook Post To Sponsor New Year's Eve Dance

The Joe L. Crook post 4960 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars announced this week that they will sponsor a dance at the Elba Armory on Friday night, New Year's Eve.

They have secured the John Cheatham colored band from Montgomery to provide music for the occasion. This band is well recommended and is expected to give a good performance.

The dance is scheduled to start at 9:00 P. M. and will last until 1:00 A. M. Admission is one dollar per person. For a big New Year's Eve the members of the post urge you to be present

Beta Club Lists Who's Who For Elba High

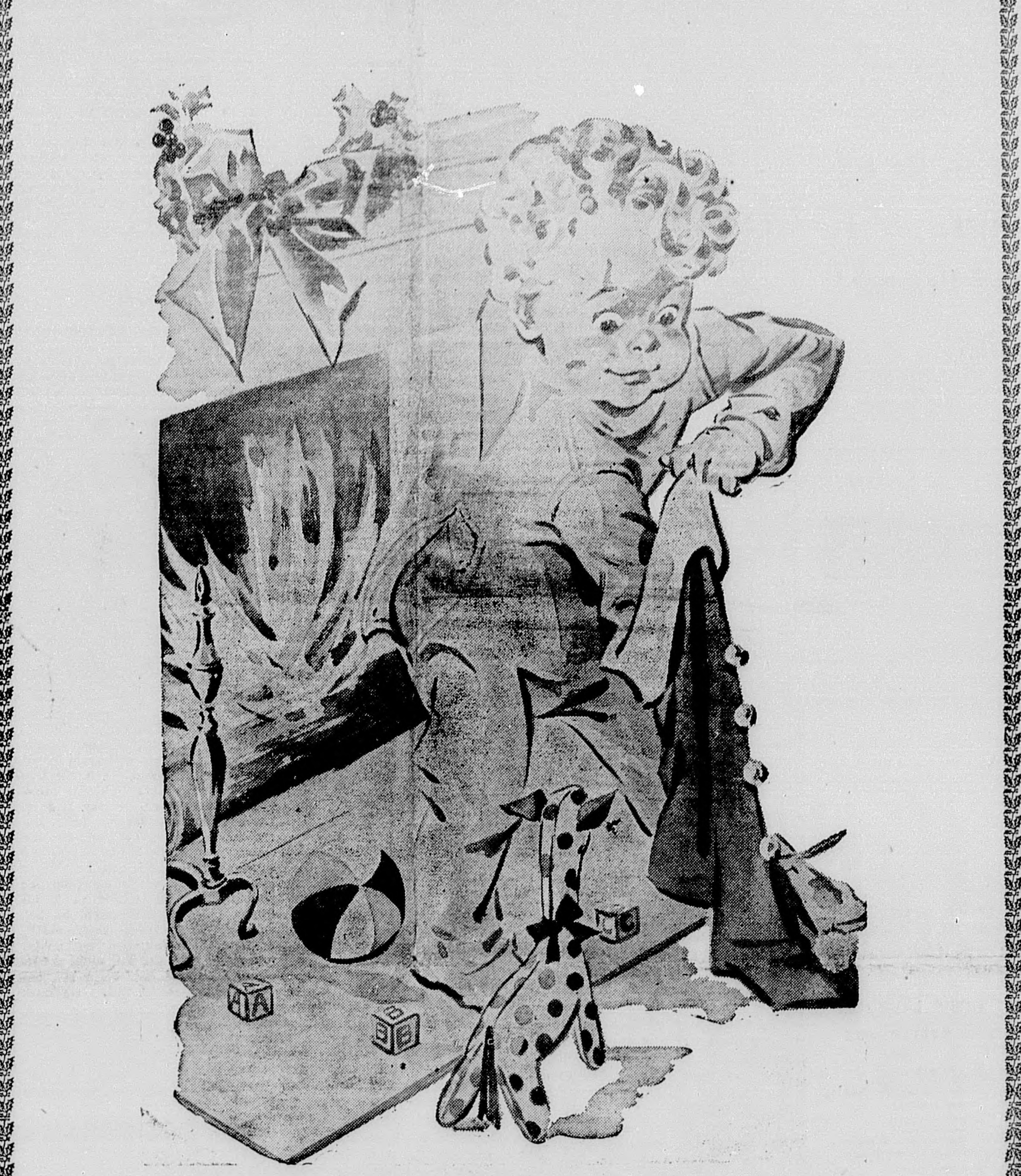
The Elba chapter of the National Beta Club held its annual election to determine Who's Who in Elba High, on Thursday, December 16th. Results of the election are as follows:

Prettiest girl, Patsy Brunson; Most handsome boy, Freddie Rainer; Most stylish girl, Mary Padgett; Best dressed boy, Joel Murphree; Most intellectual girl, Patricia Johnson; Most intellectual boy, Paul Kendrick; Most popular girl, Betty Sue Spinks; Most popular boy, Ben Johnson; Girl with the best figure, Julia Jernigan; Boy with best physique, Freddie Rainer.

Most athletic boy, Billy Jacobs Cutest couple, Freddie and Joan; Girl most likely to succeed, Edna Sue McCollough; Boy most likely to succeed, Orell King; Cutest girl, Joan Thomason; Cutest boy Clyde Collier; Most original girl, Totsye Lee; Most original boy, Ray Foreman; Girl with the best personality, Maraglen Ham; Boy with best personality, Leon Davis; Best all-round girl, Nell Fuller; Best all-round boy, Orell King; Slap-happiest girl, Louise Daniels; Slap-happiest boy, Charles Martin; Most attractive girl, Sara Lunsford; Friendliest girl, Edna Sue McCollough; Friendliest boy, Billy Vaughan.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Elba Public Library will close at noon Thursday, December 23 and reopen Wednesday, December 29 at 10:00 A. M.



- MERRY CHRISTMAS -

The children's stockings, the brightly lighted trees, the Christmas Carols, gaily decorated stores and windows, old friends and family reunions are all symbols of the Christmas season descending upon us. May this Christmas bring joy and happiness to each of you.

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ED RICHBURG — BILLY HOLLIS — MRS. WILL KENDRICK
EDWINA RICHBURG — DORSEY L. RHOADES — MRS. GEORGE HOGG
C. B. McDOWELL — SAMMY FARRIS — MRS. R. STEPHENS

Winners Announced In Lions Christmas Decoration Contest

Exhibit of Claude Dorseys Takes First Place

The judges in the Christmas Decoration contest have announced the winners in the various categories. Prizes were offered by the Elba Lions Club for the three best outside arrangements and the two best inside arrangements as they were viewed from the street. Several homes had beautiful combinations of outside and inside arrangements that could be classified in neither category so a special prize was added to take in these homes. The original prizes offered were $20, $10, and $5 for the outside lights and $10 and $5 for the inside arrangements. The added prize for the most beautiful combination of the two was five dollars.

The design of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dorsey took first place in the outside class with Paul Windham and Max Reeves following in close order. The inside arrangement of Mr. and Mrs. Heywood Grimes was judged the best with the Alva Devanes coming in second. Mr. and Mrs. Emory Corbitt won the additional prize.

The Dorsey home was beautifully decorated with foliage and lights across the front of the home terminating in a huge star at the top. The Windham decorations included foliage and lights around their picket fence and beautiful yard decorations and lighting effect. A Santa Claus with his sleigh on top of the house added to the beauty. Maxwell Reeves had a revolving Christmas tree and lifesize reindeer and sleigh. His lighting effect was also very good.

The Kimmey Dorseys and James Wises arrangements were voted next in order followed by the homes of Bob Folsom, Sam Sawyer, Mrs. Saunders and the Misses Harper, the Bonneaus, H. Jeter, the Lamar Rainers, Mrs Will Brunson and Paul Hobbs. Many other homes had beautiful arrangements and the judges arrived at their decisions only after long deliberation.

Following the Grimes and Devanes in the inside decorations were Mrs. Ruby Ellis, the Duke Tatoms, M. J. Lee, Charles Hayes L. P. Mullins, and the Cooks.

The window of the Corbitt home, trimmed with a beautiful outside arrangement and showing a pretty tree inside was the winner of the special prize of five dollars.

Doorways, for which no prize was offered, but which were very pretty included Mrs. Terry Kendrick's, Shorty Lunsfords, Roy Belchers and the Cecil Prescotts.

The prize money will be mailed the winners at an early date.

Not only are the winners in this contest to be congratulated. All who entered contributed to the beauty of Elba this Christmas and all of us have gained by their efforts. The Elba Lions club highly appreciates the cooperation and the spirit shown in this project.

Tigers Dedicate Gym With 19 - 18 Win Over Enterprise

The dedication of the new gym was a huge success as far as the Elba fans were concerned as the Tigers of Coaches Jim Reynolds and J. B. Clements won over the Enterprise wildcats by the narrowest margin possible, 1 point.

More than a thousand spectators and visitors packed the gym to see and hear the visiting dignitaries and to see three big basketball games. New Brockton took the measure of Kinston in the opener by a 20 to 17 margin. Elba defeated the Enterprise squad 19 to 18 and the Western Auto Circle Arrows defeated an independent team from Luverne by a 46 - 31 score.

NEW BROCKTON KINSTON

The New Brockton-Kinston game got off to a slow start with both teams playing good defensive ball. Kinston was unable to connect for a two-pointer but Baker, star forward, made the best of two free throws while New Brockton got one basket in the first quarter to begin the second period with a two-two count. The New Brockton team began hitting the basket in the second quarter while Kinston was able to make only one field goal and one free shot. The half ended with New Brockton on the long end of a 11-5 score.

Kinston outscored New Brockton in the third quarter to bring the count up to 15-12 and went on to tie the score with three minutes left to play. In the final minutes Wilson, New Brockton guard sank a free shot and came back with a field goal to win the game.

ELBA-ENTERPRISE

The Tigers got off to a good start against Enterprise with two field goals and six free shots in the first quarter to take a 10 to 2 lead in the first quarter.

Wildcat forward Johnson hit the basket for four quick field goals in the beginning of the second period however and erased the lead. The score was tied at 12-12 at the end of the half.

The third quarter was largely defensive with neither team connecting for a goal. Elba made one free throw, the only point in this quarter, and led 13 to 12 at the start of the last period. It was nip and tuck the rest of the game with Elba leading 17 to 16 at the automatic time out. In the last three minutes Enterprise forged ahead on a ringer by Tomberlin but Ben Johnson came through with one of his long range shots and put the Tigers in the win column a few seconds before the final whistle.

The high-riding Circle Arrows managed by Foy English and featuring former stars of several high schools in this area went out ahead of Luverne early in the game and were never headed. Luverne presented a good team but they could not stop the shots of the Arrows.

Score at the end of the quarters was as follows with the Arrows leading all the way: First, 16 - 6; second, 21 - 14; third, 32 - 22 and at the end of the game 46-31

FREE SHOW FOR ELBA KIDDIES

Manager Dozier Roberts announces that the Elba Theatre will give its annual Christmas morning free movie program, commencing Saturday morning at ten o'clock with all children up to the age of 12 years being admitted free.

The program is not a feature picture, but will be made up of about ten comedies including Donald Duck, Tom & Jerry, Andy Clyde, Popeye. Bugs Bunny and others.

A number of valuable prizes will be given away at a drawing to be held after the program, and each child will be given a prize of candy, nuts, etc., as he or she comes out of the theatre. The prizes have been donated by Elba merchants.

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